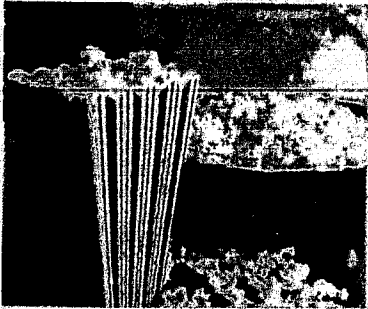


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Newry pulls out of Byway review

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Monday opted out of an update process for the State Scenic Byway on Route 26 through Bear River, leaving a hole in a regional committee formed recently to study the issue.

But the work will go on with representatives from Upton and other area towns, according to the project leader.

The Grafton Notch Scenic Byway Committee, comprised of local residents, was tasked with updating a 2000 management plan for the byway, and discussing possible marketing of the byway, as a means of aiding in local economic development/tourism.

The Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments is facilitating the update, along with another for a byway on Route 27. AVCOG has received a \$40,000 grant to support the efforts.

The first meeting of the Grafton committee took place last Friday, at the Newry Town Office.

One expected task is to re-examine a recommendation by the 2000 committee to extend the original 14-mile state byway designation five miles farther south to Route 2, and about two miles north through Upton to the state line.

But Newry selectmen said Monday they saw no advantage to extending that designation at the southern end and further promoting the byway.

"I don't see the benefit of increased traffic," Wendy Hanscom said.

Brooks Morton, a member of the byways committee, said the road, including the southern 5-mile section in question, is already promoted on state tourism websites. He also said there were local concerns that extending the designation could lead to more zoning in Newry.

Byways committee concerns

At last week's byways committee meeting, several members voiced skepticism about extending the designation, and cited other concerns about the road. Many members are landowners along the road.

David Stearns, representing the P.H. Chadbourne Co., said that while he was not fundamentally opposed to a byway, it would be important to thoroughly examine the possible long-term impacts of the designation on the landowners.

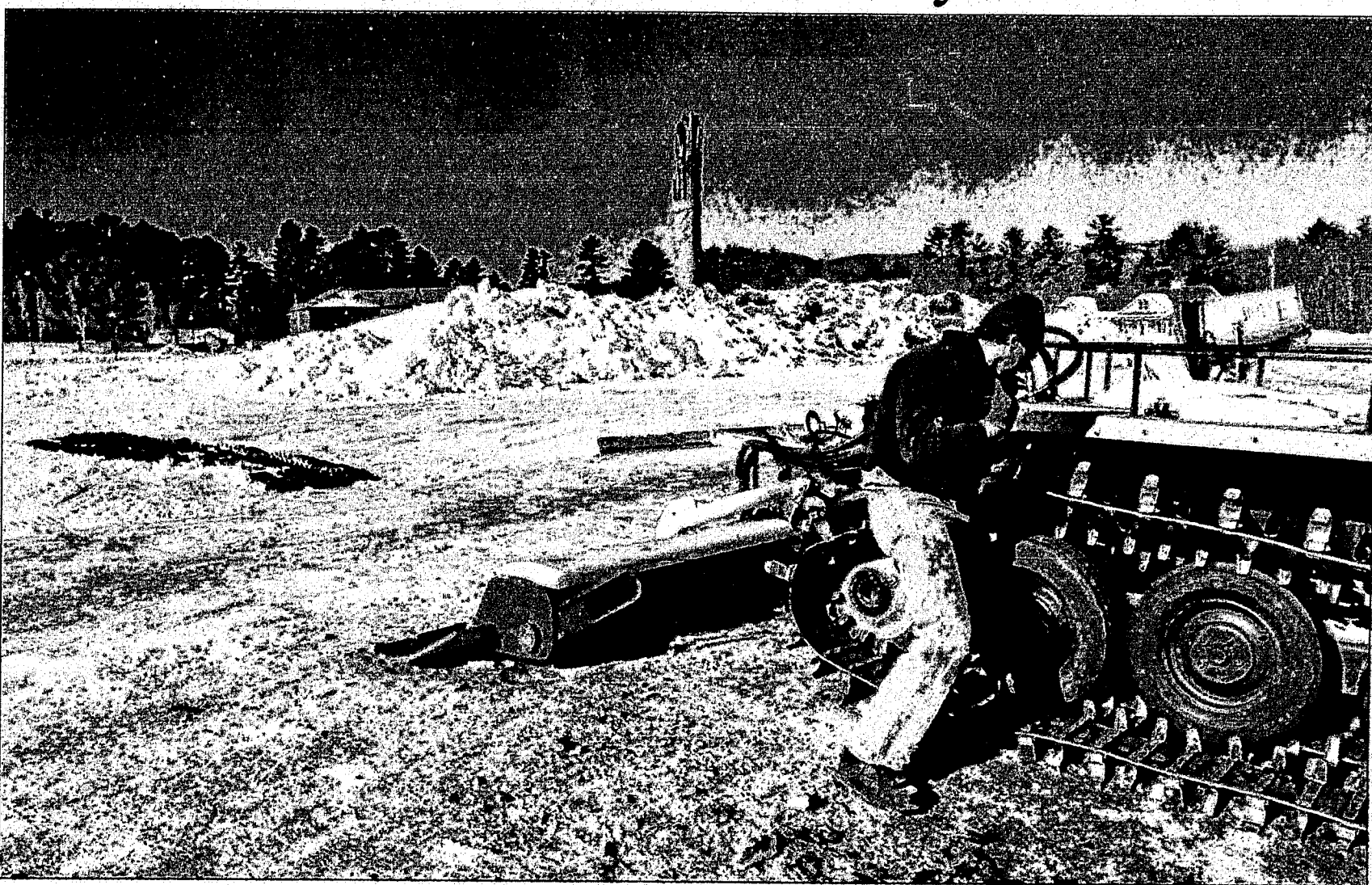
He worried that extending the byway could indirectly extend land regulations.

Stearns said there was a small group of people in Newry who have been pushing for more regulations.

Lengthening the byway, he

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'It's never easy'



Said Jim Bennett, veteran volunteer for WinterFest snow projects, and informal on-site straw boss for this year's effort to build a 40-foot tall volcano. Uncooperative weather and mechanical problems (such as with the tracks on this Piston Bufo borrowed from Gould Academy) have slowed progress. So far most of the volcano's snow has come from the Bethel town crew and local contractors dumping the results of their plowing, which Bennett then plans to push up into proper volcano (and sliding hill) form.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Call for a more ecumenical tone at W'stock town meetings

By ALISON ALOISIO

A half dozen residents appealed to Woodstock selectmen Tuesday to alter the traditional opening invocation at the annual town meeting to be more religiously inclusive.

For years, the meeting has started with a clergyman from the Bryant Pond Baptist Church offering a prayer and invoking Jesus Christ in asking for guidance in the decisions to be made.

But, said Peter Gartner at Tuesday's board meeting, "When we meet as a town, there are more than Baptists, more than Protestants, more than Christians living in our community, whether we're Jewish, or Quaker, or Unitarian, or people who don't practice religion. They're all part of our community, and I think it's important that we recognize that."

Gartner said he was "also very much aware of the history of invocations at town meetings, throughout 200 years of history," and he wanted to continue the tradition in some form.

'We need to create a sense of community, where everyone feels they belong: that there wouldn't be people sitting in the town meeting feeling that it wasn't their town, or that it wasn't speaking to them.'

ARLA PATCH

everyone in this community. I think that's a much more inclusive way to start a meeting."

Several others voiced similar ideas.

Arla Patch, a Quaker, said inviting one member of the clergy from a different faith each year to open the meeting would be more inclusive, but Woodstock is too small

to have that variety of clergy available. She supported instead a moment of silence, for people to pray or otherwise collect their thoughts.

Patch said when she first attended a town meeting years ago, she was "stunned" by the specific invocation. She said she became aware a few years ago that other people were also concerned about the practice.

"We need to create a sense of community," she said, "where everyone feels they belong: that there wouldn't be people sitting in the town meeting feeling that it wasn't their town, or that it wasn't speaking to them."

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Decisions lie ahead in Greenwood

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"I'm not saying they should do that or shouldn't do that," Fred Henderson, chairman of the Greenwood Board of Selectmen said Tuesday evening.

"I'm just saying they should have the chance to say: 'Yes, they want to do that' or 'No, they don't want to do that.'"

"They" in this case was town voters; "that" was replace the former schoolhouse that currently serves as the town office with a new, more efficient building.

The question was one of a half a dozen decisions townspeople may — or may not — be called on to make at their annual town meeting in May.

But if not at that meeting, most will still need to be addressed at some point in the not-too-far-distant future.

In addition to the town office building, those decisions involve possible tax-increment financing (TIF) to encourage economic development in the area of Mt. Abram, adoption

of a town Noise Ordinance, a so-called "PACE" (not to be confused with PACE Ambulance Service) Ordinance to aid property owners to apply for low-interest loans from EfficiencyMaine for "clean energy" upgrades, a state Building Code, an Electrical Cut Off Ordinance, and what to do about the town hall building.

The Mt. Abram TIF was first proposed by the ski area in March 2010.

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Casino defends its hiring practices

By TONY REAVES, Sun Media Wire

Online job listings asking for casino workers to come to Maine have rankled some, who say The Oxford Casino is putting out-of-state people ahead of Mainers.

The Oxford Casino says experienced casino workers will be needed to train people who haven't worked in gambling houses before.

In an item on the Public Gam-

ing Research Institute's website, casino General Manager Jack Sours said the Route 26 business has "a variety of positions available, including a significant need for experienced Table Games Dealers."

"This is a great opportunity for people who moved away from Maine seeking employment, to return to their native state," Sours is quoted as saying.

Dennis Bailey of CasinosNO said it's evidence of what anti-casino activists have been saying since before the 2010

referendum — that casino jobs will largely go to people from away.

"It looks like the out-of-state investors are now running the show," Bailey said in an email Monday. "I hate to say I told you so, but it appears that very few jobs at this casino will be going to Maine people."

Scott Smith, community development director for The Oxford Casino, said that's not the case. The casino is looking

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Andover considers offering to negotiate with SAD 44 on costs of keeping AES open

By ALISON ALOISIO

At the annual town meeting next month, Andover voters will likely be asked to authorize selectmen to negotiate with SAD 44 a cost to the town for keeping the Andover Elementary School open another year.

Selectman Keith Farrington and SAD 44 Board Chair Sid Pew recommended the move last week at an informational meeting on future options for the small elementary school. About three dozen people attended the gathering.

Town committees have been researching options since last spring, when the town voted to take on \$214,000 more in financial responsibility for the Andover Elementary School for the 2011-2012 school year. The move followed a vote by the SAD 44 School Board to save that amount of money by closing the building.

Committees were then formed to study future options. They included remaining in SAD 44 but trying to negotiate a better financial deal with the district; joining another school district (RSU 10 in Rumford); operating as an independent school, or trying to seek funding as a charter school.

At last week's meeting, the committees reported their findings.

Joining RSU 10 would likely cost Andover about the same as it is paying now for its regular share of the SAD 44 budget plus the current added amount to keep AES open, the committee reported, and the odds of that RSU keeping AES open would be about the same as in SAD 44.

If the town operated an independent school system, it would have "a very good chance of making it," that committee reported. Older students could be tuitioned out to nearby

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Letters

LOGGING CREATES LOCAL JOBS

To the Editor:

Western Maine woodlot owners have managed their timber and have harvested acres for years without interference. With the advent of technology, woodlots can be harvested in less time with more accuracy than ever before, weather permitting.

The hard working harvesters, like farmers of yesteryear, get up at the crack of dawn to get the job completed.

The money that is gained from harvesting creates jobs, pays taxes which in turn educates our students.

Simply put, this is how many Mainers make a living.

I encourage people to think about the message that would be sent if a noise ordinance was passed.

It clearly says, "Greenwood cares more about preserving 'vacationland' than it does the livelihood of its people."

We all care about tourism and preserving the Maine woods but harvesting valuable timber is about generations of Maine families who rely on sustainable harvest practices.

We can all commiserate with the roaring of machines, but know that after they completed their jobs, families will be fed, the woods will be healthier, and they won't be back for another 15-20 years.

Michele Bouchard
Upton

2012 BETHEL WINTERFEST

To the Editor:

Bethel Area Chamber invites all to the 2012 Bethel WinterFest, presented by Norway Savings Bank and announces the "centerpiece" project, presented by Sunday River Resort.

How fortunate we are, in the Bethel area, to have such creative people living here – and the Chamber is lucky to have engineer Jim Sysko of Newry dreaming up something new and different for the annual Bethel WinterFest! This year's theme is "Fire and Ice."

Last fall, Jim came to the chamber with the idea of building a "snow volcano" on the WinterFest Plaza lot – with the goal of creating a sledding hill for the area children, and having something just different enough to get people talking. After having several confiers cut on his land, and asking Rick Savage to transport them to the lot, Jim and Bob Westfall built a "cradle" to hold them until Bancroft Contracting arrives to place them in a vertical position. Another WinterFest enthusiast, Jim Bennett, will help Sysko secure them with cables and blocks until the Sunday River snowmaking equipment produces the volume of snow to create the 35 foot, 40 foot high by 150 feet wide "snow hill." The purpose of the wood is to fuel a grand bonfire on the last evening of the WinterFest, on Saturday, Feb. 25.

This year's WinterFest is mostly designed to showcase all the fantastic winter events that are already occurring in our area – plus a couple of specific ones happening on the Feb. 23, 24 and 25. 22 Broad Street is hosting the WinterFest kick-off party featuring Twenty2 Vodka! Join the party from 4 to 7 p.m. which will feature drink specials and delicious refreshments. Mt. Abram Ski Resort is hosting the WinterFest Rail Jam on Friday evening – which is replacing the Main Street Rail Jams of the previous two years. On Saturday, Greenstock Snowsports is hosting free Snow groomer rides on the front Bethel Station lot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. True North Adventureware and Tubbs are hosting a snowshoe scavenger hunt on festival plaza. Acadia Seaplanes are offering scenic airplane rides out of the Bethel Airport from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children of all ages, with a parent or guardian, are welcomed to come sled (plastic sleds only) on the snow hill both Friday and Saturday. Additionally, several Nordic and alpine events are planned throughout the area, in addition to dog sledding and horse-drawn sleigh rides. A full schedule of events can be found at www.bethelwinterfest.com.

The event is being made possible through the support of Presenting Sponsors Norway Savings Bank and Sunday River Resort, in addition to labor donated by volunteers, Bancroft Contracting, Savage Contracting, ProQuip Equipment Rentals and others. The Bethel Water District is also helping by providing a discount on the water required for the snowmaking.

Robin Zinchuk

Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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NORDIC SKI ASSOCIATION THANKS

To the Editor:

A wonderful day was had by all at the 11th annual New England Nordic Ski Association's (NENSA) Women's XC Ski Day, this year hosted by the Bethel Nordic Ski Center and The Bethel Inn Resort on Sunday. This event was made possible by generous sponsors TD Bank and L.L. Bean Skida hats, Fischer, Salomon, Toko, Rossignol, Swix, Akers Ski, Mahoosuc Guide Service, Bancroft Contracting, and True North Adventureware all participated with donations as well as wonderful raffle prizes.

This year's benefit organization of NENSA's Women's XC Ski Day was R.E.A.C.H. The Rape Education and Crisis Hotline is a non-profit organization founded in 1981, dedicated to educating communities in Oxford County and the towns of Harrison and Bridgton about sexual assault and helping sexual assault survivors through the recovery process.

The Women's Ski Day could not have run smoothly without the help of the many volunteers from the Bethel ski community. Many, many thanks go to the following: Beth Clarke, Sara Shifrin, Martha Siegel, Robin Gorrell, Tracyn Thayer, Linda Gamble, Lee Hughes, Kara Masters, Jessica Person, Nancy Barstow, Marie Keane, Julia Reuter, and Sarah Southam. An additional thank you goes to last-minute emergency cookie bakers: Kate Goldberg, Amy Lehman, Martha Siegel, Sarah Southam, Andee Alford, Lorrie Hoeh, Suzanne Newsom, Kara Masters, Sara Shifrin and any other bakers out there we are not aware of. Thanks also go to the 20 instructors who each taught two clinics during the day, and brought the love of cross-country skiing to so many women. Special thanks to umbrella organization for the Women's Ski Day, New England Nordic Ski Association.

Mike Cooper and Sarah Weaver
Bethel Nordic Ski Center and the Bethel Inn Resort

Greenwood

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A TIF is an arrangement by which additional taxes resulting from increases in property value within the TIF district are set aside for specific infrastructure improvement related to the district.

The town attorney has been working on a draft plan, which originally included not only the resort, but both sides of Howe Hill Road all the way to Route 26, and Main Street.

But the state office that must approve such a plan, "would frown on us including too much residential," Sparks told the board; and it also requires that part of the TIF area be classified as "blighted."

Consequently, she said, at a meeting this evening (Thursday) the TIF Committee is expected to re-examine the proposed district and re-draw its borders.

The Noise Ordinance was proposed recently by residents Henry and Pat Stewart, who complained of early

morning logging near their home on Indian Pond.

The Stewarts are drafting such an ordinance, Sparks told the board, "and hope to have one to us by the first week in March."

As for the PACE Ordinance, Henderson said, "I think that ought to go through. Buckfield voted not to do it, but I think most towns do it."

Regarding the proposed Building Code, Henderson characterized it as intended "to stop shoddy work from being done by contractors who are not very nice. Comparatively speaking that number is small, but it's not zero."

The state code is mandatory for towns with populations over 4,000, but optional for smaller towns.

At a meeting Monday night in Woodstock, several local contractors spoke up against the code.

Henderson suggested a public hearing in Greenwood, "to

learn what the people think about it, but I've got a good idea right now."

The Electrical Cut Off Ordinance was proposed by the Greenwood Fire Chief Al Curtis, Jr. Sparks said. It requires that any new electrical service, include an outside shut off, in order to allow power to be cut off to protect firemen responding to a fire.

Discussions regarding the town hall and town office have been ongoing for more than a year, and Sparks said she doubted anything specific would be ready for presentation to voters at the May town meeting.

Of the matters discussed by the selectmen Tuesday, only the TIF and Cut Off Ordinance are currently slated for this year's town meeting warrant.

If the selectmen decide to include other items, Sparks said, a public hearing will be scheduled on them prior to the town meeting.

Casino

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for experienced casino workers to train Maine people. While Eastern Maine Community College is training dealers for table games at Hollywood Slots.

Smith said The Oxford Casino will train employees in-house.

Smith said the casino still plans to hold job fairs in March or April. On Satur-

day, The Oxford Casino posted 22 openings on casinocareers.com, including security officers, dealers, a human resources clerk and management positions for purchasing, food and beverage, facilities, marketing, training and other areas.

Silverton Casino, a casino and hotel operator in Las Vegas, has been hired to run

The Oxford Casino, which is scheduled to open in June. The Nevada company will be in charge of hiring executives and managers to fill key positions at the facility and determine things such as the mix of slot machines and table games, the surveillance system and even the restaurant menu, Smith has said previously.

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 57

The First Years: Do You See Many Wild Animals, Many Birds?

This was a wonderful place for bird-watching but what I knew about them would go in the eye of a needle. I became quite enthused as friends talked about marbles godwits by the seashore, the differences of accipiters, merlins, peregrines; about identifying more than a dozen kinds of warblers. Lovely intriguing names, cheery little creatures, but they would never sit still long enough for me to get the field-glasses adjusted. Maybe I could feed them in the winter. There were no sheltering trees near the house, so B.B. cut down some pine and fir in the fall and set them up by the porch corners, easily seen from the windows. Appropriate food was put out. No birds came. After two winters, I gave up. People who had thought they might come now decided that this was not a bird way. I settled back into my original unlearned state and enjoyed what birds were obliging enough to sit still.

We had two cherry trees and expected to have some cherries to eat. Two days before the berries were quite ripe a horde of cedar waxwings came out of nowhere and ate them all. The birds were beautiful to see, but there was no reason we couldn't share. Next year would be different.

All winter I collected shiny aluminum pie plates and TV dinner trays; in June decorated the tree. The birds were not frightened at all but saucily swung on the tinkling pans, eating the while. I would have to net the tree. I searched through the hall closet, found yards of old dotted Swiss that had once been hangings on Brick End canopy beds, stitched up all the rents and joined them. I was sure I had enough material to cover a circus tent. It only covered a third of one tree but that would save a few branches for us. The birds screamed, scolded and fussed as they flew under the netting. After this I tried no more, just invited people to come on the day of the invasion and see the cedar waxwings. One cherry tree died, another was struck by lightning. We are letting the suckers come up from the old stumps, not with any expectation of fruit, but just for the birds.

Between the thirtieth of March and the tenth of April, we come downstairs some mornings and see fifty or sixty robins pulling worms from the lawn. They stay about till the first family is raised, disappear in the woods and come back for two days in the fall before going south. One year she made her nest between the spokes of the dogcart wheel, only a foot from the ground; a dangerous spot but she raised her brood and we couldn't use the wagon till the young flew away.

After the robins come the flickers who work the lawn for a week, then leave. Brown thrashers, usually deep-woods birds, for two years made their nest in the lilac bush; we saw them every day. Cowbirds are dainty-stepping little things who follow the horses about, waiting for the seeds in the droppings. Their note is truly liquid, the only birdcall that I am sure of, except that of crows. I hear and enjoy the wood thrush, agree with my musical friends it is distinctive, but having no tonal memory cannot identify it.

The barn swallows are the tamest. With all the barn to build in, we wage a battle over the woodshed. One couple is always determined to nest there. We keep both doors shut for what seems like weeks, finally open them, presto a nest has been started, shut go the doors again. They may be fooled in their choice of a home, but they don't forget it. Later in the season when fledglings were not quite ready to fly far alone, the mother bird moved them in every night for a week onto the beam she had chosen earlier. We never could see her despite a careful watch, but at bedtime there the five little birds were inside. She moved them out in the morning. Was she hiding them from an enemy in the dark? Did she believe strongly in the effect of early environment? Some build nests on our telephone wire that runs along the outside of the house, some build on our wooden rakes. Despite our never disturbing them, they still fuss continually when we put up the hay, though the rope for the hayfork does not disturb any nest. The most interesting thing to watch is the first flying lessons. Late afternoon is the time. One can be sitting on the porch perusing the "Times" and in another world when sounds of activity on the roof bring one back to now. Around all the chimneys and the dormers are dozens of baby swallows. Some cling tightly to the upright supports, a few are trying to balance in open spaces. One or two are boldly clinging to the edge of the roof trying to snatch at a flying insect, almost losing their balance, just able to retain their hold. Short flights are made from chimney safety to dormer wall. There are three estates: the frightened, the in-between, and the brave. A glance at the paper to rest the eyes from the sun, then imagination takes one back several centuries. One can see the French courtiers slinking about among the chimneys of Chambord.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Brownie Troop 155 was collecting canned goods and non-perishable food for the Bethel Food Pantry as part of the Have a Heart community service project.

Nesta Littlefield, Bethel town finance officer, was honored for her 25 years of service to the town.

The Crescent Park School PTA hosted a Winter Carnival with numerous activities including a snowshoe race, cross-country ski obstacle course, raffles, games, and much more.

Births: Meile Carese Fox, Ansel Malabre Mills.

Deaths: Ramona R. Filiadt, Dora Gallant Vigue, Nancy M. Weber, G. Everett Blake, Josephine Seavey Willis.

20 years ago: Telstar High School captured both the boys' and girls' Nordic titles at the Mountain Valley Conference ski championships held at Carrabassett Valley Ski Touring Center.

Andover Elementary School was visited by a hot air balloon from Sky Hopes Balloon Company of Clinton, N.J., and students learned how a balloon is set up and inflated.

Democrat Rocky Graham of Newry announced she was a candidate for the District 49 Maine House seat held by Alvin Barth of Bethel.

Births: Lindsey Marie James, Lucas Allan Ellsmore.

Deaths: Lester E. Richardson, Shirley W. Rose, Frank A. York.

30 years ago: The 24th annual meeting of the Bethel Area Development Corporation was held at the Casco Bank Community Room.

A picture by Eben Scanlon of the Woodstock Elementary School, entitled "End of an Era" depicting the Bryant Pond phone company, was chosen to be on the cover of the Woodstock's town report.

Folk singer and guitarist, James Plummer, of New York City, performed at Bingham Auditorium.

40 years ago: The Bethel Savings Bank held an open house in celebration of its 100th anniversary.

A motor vehicle registration office had recently opened in Mexico.

Telstar Regional High School made a strong showing in the final jumping event at Swan's Corner to win the Mountain Valley Conference ski championships.

Deaths: Zenas A. Merrill, Robert S. York.

50 years ago: The Top Hat was open for dancing every Saturday night, with music by Lord's Orchestra. Admission was 95¢.

Richard Packard broke his leg while skiing at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes.

60 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore reported seeing a large bobcat on the lawn of their home on Paradise Street.

Deaths: Vear W. Bean, Mrs. Odian Turner, Arthur R. Littlehale, Mrs. Cora Mae Crockett, Mrs. Erva B. Green.

70 years ago: A temporary registration office for obtaining 1942 number plates was operated at the Town Clerk's office for two days.

Raw milk was 12¢ per quart. Death: Albert E. Fuller, native of Upton.

80 years ago: The annual Winter Carnival under the auspices of Gould Academy and the Bethel Lions Club was held at Riverside Park. Frank A. Brown was elected president of the Bethel Savings.

Deaths: George Cummings, Samuel Mayconnell, Francis G. Sloan.

90 years ago: Arthur Waldron of Wonalancet, N.H., en route to Portland with his team of huskies were overnight guests at Bethel Inn.

100 years ago: Lyman Wheeler purchased the Will Whitney place on Main Street.

110 years ago: A heavy fall of snow accompanied by thunder and lightning passed over this locality.

According to his advertisement, pure milk was delivered in Bethel village for 5¢ per quart by C. C. Merrill.

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More and more Mainers switching to wood heat

By CLARK CANFIELD, Associated Press

When oil prices skyrocketed to more than \$4 a gallon four years ago, Dan Stevens of Portland got rid of his oil-burning furnace, oil tank and heating baseboards and began using wood to heat his home. He wasn't the only one.

The number of households using wood as their primary heating source nearly doubled in Maine from 2000 to 2010, while growing by a third nationwide, according to U.S. Census figures.

Stevens never was a fan of heating oil — he doesn't like the idea of oil coming from overseas, he had troubles maintaining his furnace and he wasn't keen on the feel of oil-fired heat. When heating oil prices rose to over \$4 a gallon in 2008, he finally turned to wood to heat the rambling three-story wood-frame house in Gardiner.

He now uses one wood stove that burns firewood and another that burns wood pellets in the home where he lives with his wife and their youngest son. When needed, he has two small propane heaters for supplemental heat.

Since the change, he estimates he's been spending \$2,500 or so on cord wood, wood pellets and backup propane.

That's less than half what he was paying annually when using oil.

"Maine's got trees, so you can buy local this way and still heat your house," Stevens said. "And the heat is definitely cheaper."

Oil is the No. 1 heating fuel in Maine and across much of the Northeast. Three out of four households in Maine use oil as their primary heating source — making it the most oil-dependent state for heat.

Statewide residential heating oil in Maine was selling this week for approximately \$3.72 a gallon (prices run approximately 10 cents a gallon lower in western Maine). Ten years ago this week, it was selling for \$1.19 a gallon.

Oil consumption has fallen as homeowners have found other sources of fuel, with wood being the fastest-growing alternative, according to census figures.

About 2.1 percent of U.S. homes, or nearly 2.4 million households, used wood as their primary heating source in 2010, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That was up from 1.6 percent in 2000, or under 1.8 million homes.

Among states, the number of homes using wood as a primary heat source went up 135 percent in Michigan and 122 percent in Connecticut, while nearly doubling in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Ohio and Nevada.

The top wood-burning states per capita are Vermont (where 15 percent of homes use it as their primary heating source), Maine (12 percent), Montana (8 percent) and New Hampshire (8 percent).

Wood is an often overlooked source of heating fuel, said John Ackerly, president of the Alliance for Green Heat, a Maryland-based nonprofit that promotes the use of wood heat.

Wood was the primary heating source in 23 percent of U.S. homes in 1940, but had virtually disappeared by 1970, according to the Census Bureau. It's become more popular in recent years mainly because of the high price of oil, Ackerly said. People are also drawn to wood because it's both a renewable and local product, and it's free for people who live on wooded lots.

"It's kind of under the radar," Ackerly said. "It's more a popular movement. It's not driven by big investments and big projects that are covered by the media. It's driven by individuals who don't have much of a voice."

New wood stove models, those made since 1990, have had to meet specified EPA emissions standards and shouldn't even have smoke that is visible when used properly, Ackerly said. But he cautions that there are still concerns about pollution and elevated risks for people with respiratory illnesses — from old models that people may be dusting off and from people who use green wood in the new models.

Pollution isn't considered much of a public health issue in the East, he said, because the smoke easily disperses and stoves aren't used a lot in urban areas.

But out West, particularly in valleys with temperature inversions, wood stove smoke can create pollution problems, he said.

Meanwhile, firewood sales have been hot. Southern Maine Firewood, in Gorham, ran out of seasoned firewood for this winter in November.

The company sold 3,200 cords last year, up from 2,300 in 2009, said officer manager Shellee Zaharis.

"Oil's so expensive, and it seems that people are worried that the 2008 oil prices are going to come back," Zaharis said.

Wood stove sales have been brisk at Rocky's Stove Shoppe in Augusta, said owner Rocky Gaslin. Sales of both firewood and pellet-burning stoves roughly doubled from 2010 to 2011, he said.

A medium-size firewood-burning stove that can heat up to 2,000 square feet costs from \$1,700 to \$2,500, plus installation, while a similar-size pellet stove would sell in the \$2,500-\$4,000 range.

"People are trying to do as much as they can to replace oil," he said. "They don't want to burn a drop of oil at \$3.50 a gallon."

In the small town of Somerville, Dr. Roy Miller heats his 1,400-square-foot house with a wood stove and two propane heaters for backup. He usually spends \$600 to \$800 burning three to four cords of wood a year, plus another \$600 to \$700 for propane.

Miller, a family doctor, likes being able to make his house toasty warm without feeling guilty or wasteful, the way he might if he were cranking up an oil furnace.

"If at the end of the year we use an extra half cord, that's just \$100," he said.

Briefly

Project Graduation bottle collection

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Butt flickers to face fines

PORTLAND—Smokers could face a \$100 fine in Maine’s largest city for flicking cigarette butts onto public property. The Portland City Council on Monday amended its littering ordinance to clarify that cigarette butts are included among the trash items that are illegal to toss on streets, sidewalks, city parks and other public property. Councilor John Anton said he’s been told that the No. 1 complaint from visitors and businesses downtown is the prevalence of cigarette butts. The Bangor Daily News reported that councilors said the fines would be part of a larger citywide effort to raise awareness and reduce cigarette butt litter.

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Pursuant to Title 28 M.R.S.A. 252 – a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on February 13, 2012, at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License and Entertainment Permit Renewals from The Funky Red Barn located at 19 Summer St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

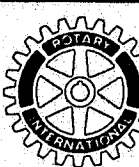
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Byway

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said, "might give them one more piece of ammunition to hammer the Planning Board and hammer the Selectboard to regulate," in order to protect scenic vistas. That, in turn, could affect property values, he said.

Stearns cited a recent town meeting in Newry, at which a group of interested people proposed the establishment of a Conservation Commission. A large number of townspeople, concerned about landowner rights, turned out and rejected the proposal.

Stearns added that large landowners who live out of town can't vote on issues that affect them.

"We own 1,350 acres," he said. "We have no say. If somebody says 'We should change the zoning on this piece of land because of scenic byways,' Chadbourne Tree Farms can't do anything."

He suggested a joint venture, "where you talk tourism, but you also talk traditional usage of timberlands. What keeps timberland timberland, and what keeps things beautiful, is an economic infrastructure that uses forest products."

Fred Michaud, Maine's Scenic Byways coordinator, said such joint arrangements already exist elsewhere in Maine.

He also said the towns could opt out of the byways extension and update process.

But, said Michaud, if the committee decided in favor of extending the Route 26 byways designation, it would not be an irreversible move if residents didn't like the results.

"This is not like getting a tattoo. This can be removed," he said. He also said the designation could be designed to "sunset" after a number of years, unless locals wanted to extend it.

Deborah Judkins of Upton, also wary of more regulations, said she thought it was important to find the right balance among the various interests.

"We want healthy forests, we want healthy places for deer to live, we want the lumber industry to be able to use the

resources, we want to have a little economic development in Upton, so we might be able to support a store," she said.

Dennis Doyon of the Bethel Business Association said the majority of the committee members "fear additional regulations. We're not against the byway, but if it's going to bring additional regulation, keep it the hell out."

Restrooms

Another subject that was an issue in 2000 arose again last week: bathroom facilities.

Several people who were on the original committee, and who are serving again now, said the state had proposed in 2000 to build or establish facilities along the road. But neither state nor local officials wanted to maintain them, and the idea fizzled.

In addition, a suggestion to place signs noting the presence of facilities at Grafton Notch State Park fell by the wayside when park officials declined out of concern for heavy usage, committee members said.

Doyon said that with the state closing more and more of its rest areas, the general need for roadside facilities is increasing.

"How can you ask somebody to come up here and then not even give them basic facilities?" he asked.

He noted that Bethel devotes significant resources to maintaining porta-potties at Davis Park, because the site is the only one for miles along Routes 26 and 2.

Michaud said the state park should be brought into the discussion again. He also said that public/private arrangements for facilities can sometimes work well.

As an example, he cited committee member Doug Webster's Bear River Trading Post at the intersection of Routes 2 and 26 in Newry.

If Webster wished, said Michaud, a bathroom facility could be built there by the state and maintained by Webster. The arrangement would likely benefit the business, said Michaud. The store could also serve as the location of

an information kiosk at the "gateway" to the byway, were it extended to Route 2, he said. Webster said that in the past, many travelers had asked him about a public bathroom, and he finally placed a porta-potty on his property to provide a minimal facility.

Safety

Another concern raised at the meeting was road safety for both tourists and regular users.

Loretta Powers, noting the narrow or non-existent shoulders along the road, said groups of touring bicyclists create a traffic hazard.

And, said Judkins, tractor trailers are another problem. "We have lots of big trucks — one, two, three, four, five, one after another, that go whizzing through Upton 20 miles an hour over the speed limit."

The combination of cyclists and trucks can be particularly dangerous, some said, especially when cyclists ride several abreast.

Michaud said that while the Byways program cannot provide funds for road improvements, more signage might help to make the various travelers aware of each other.

Meeting facilitator Dina Jackson of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments said she could also check for information from other scenic byways to see how the traffic issues were handled.

What's next?

After the Newry selectmen's decision Monday, Jackson said that because only 3.2 miles of the original byway is in Newry, the committee work will continue without that town, with the focus on the 11 remaining miles through Grafton and Upton.

The committee plans to meet monthly, on Thursday afternoons.

The working deadline for updating the plan is June, but Jackson said there was a possibility of extending that, if needed.

She also said she has offered to meet with the Newry selectboard to further explain the project, if they wish.

Woodstock

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ier, Gayle Russell and Peter Fetchko.

Longtime resident and former selectman Leon Poland, in commenting on the request, said he could go along with a moment of silence.

But, he said, "I still think we should have open prayer, and if we don't I don't think it's fair. As far as I'm concerned, when we took prayer out of the schools was when the schools started going downhill."

Selectmen Chair Ron Deegan said the board would consider

the group's request, discuss options and have a decision in time for this year's town meeting.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield said after the selectmen's meeting that the Baptist pastor had routinely been called upon each year because he was generally the most available clergy in Woodstock.

In other business Tuesday, the board received a draft of a "Quiet Zone" ordinance proposal for Bryant Pond Village from Jan Kendrick; heard

from several builders opposed to the town considering adoption of the new state Uniform Building and Energy Codes; and discussed possible parameters for inclusion of veterans on a new monument planned for the town.

They planned to discuss those issues and others further at a workshop yesterday (Wednesday), and make decisions/recommendations for town meeting at their next regular meeting Feb. 21.

AES

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schools, and the cost to educate 90 K-12 students would be similar to joining RSU 10. But the town would also have to keep an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 available in the event a special-needs student had to be sent to a special school.

For either of the above options, the town would be required by law to undertake a lengthy, formal withdrawal process from SAD 44.

The committees did not spend much time on the charter-school option, noting AES would have to offer a specialty program that would attract students from elsewhere.

The best bet, said Farrington, "would be to make keeping the school open more attractive to the district."

He said a warrant article is being prepared for the Andover town meeting to authorize selectmen to enter into an interlocal agreement with SAD 44, under which the town would voluntarily contribute extra money (beyond its regular obligation) to keep the school open next year.

"This would be the way to stay open with the least amount of pain," said Farrington.

If the town wished to extend the agreement each year after that, a dollar amount would have to be agreed upon annually.

The figure town officials are working with right now, he said, is about \$65,000 for next

year.

Pew said the move, if approved by townspeople, would give the School Board something to work with and could head off another closure vote for next year. (SAD 44 could theoretically continue to vote each year to close the school for the following year, triggering the same vote process again in Andover.)

"The School Board is not going to make any movement until it sees if the town votes 'yes' or 'no,'" said Pew. If the town votes 'yes,' at least we're being proactive. If the town votes 'no,' my opinion is, you increases your chances of somebody wanting to bring up the issue up of closing the school again."

But, he said, a "yes" vote by the town on a given figure would not guarantee acceptance by the School Board.

"Is that going to appease every constituent in SAD 44? No," said Pew. "You're going to irritate some constituents no matter what. It's a crapshoot on what number you pick. But in my opinion, it's the best choice the town has now, because it shows that we're being proactive, instead of sitting back and waiting for things to happen to us."

Following the presentation, resident Dina Cutting said paying sustained higher taxes would be difficult for many retired people on fixed incomes. "Retired people in this town

are thinking, 'how am I going to do this?'" she said. And, she added, "I think Crescent Park is a great school," referring to the fact that should AES close, pupils would be bussed to the Bethel school.

Farrington agreed, but said the long bus ride would negatively impact the attentiveness of young children.

Rick Mills was concerned about local control. "We need to do something so we're not held hostage each year," he said. "We should do whatever we need to get control of [AES]."

Selectboard Chair Susan Merrow said keeping the school open is vital to Andover's economic health.

She said the town's industrial mill has secured two new businesses: a kiln dried firewood export business, and a contract kiln drying lumber for Kennebec Lumber.

"To date, these ventures have combined to hire approximately 15 new employees. In addition, several area contractors have been positively impacted," she said.

She also said the owners of the site have been visited by prospective clients seeking space. "They ask two questions, 'where is a school to attract families' and 'where will our employees eat lunch?'" As Andover succeeds in developing the site, her valuation will increase as a town — that is good for all of SAD 44."



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Hello young lovers wherever you are. Your special day is coming right up.

And Valentine's Day is a pretty special day designated to celebrate love, romance, hearts and flowers. We should have a lot more days like that rather than just once a year.

When I was a kid I loved the Valentine's Day parties we had in school. We got brown paper bags to decorate as our "mail box" and they would then be taped to our desks or along the chalk rail of the blackboard. These were the receptacles for the Valentine's cards given by classmates.

The girls; "mail boxes" were always decorated with hearts and paper doilies. I remember putting a lot of effort into mine, I went through a lot of red crayons. There was sort of an unspoken contest among the girls as to who could create the prettiest "mail box."

The boys, on the other hand, drew pictures of cars and trucks or even gunslingers. I shudder to think with all the video game monsters of today, what little boys would draw. In elementary school the boys didn't quite grasp the romantic aspect of Valentine's Day. I'm sure they still don't.

My two oldest grandsons, both age 15, are certainly grasping the romantic angle of the day. They both have girlfriends and are planning flowers, dinner and movie for their sweeties.

With the rapid rate

of girlfriend/boyfriend turn-over I only hope that they hang on to their love interests long enough to celebrate the day.

Boy meets girl; boy loses girl, boy meets new girl has been the way of teenage life, well, probably ever since there have been teenage boys and girls.

When I was 15 I would be madly in love with a boy writing his name all over my notebooks, fantasizing a white picket fence future with two adorable children and writing his last name with my first name just to see how it sounded.

I have heard that teenagers have found out that their love has broken up with them on Facebook.

That would be good for a few weeks and then the breakup would come caused by a he said, she said or someone else said situation. Then my broken heart that I thought I would die from would mend as soon as a new boy came along, usually within a week or two and I'd buy new notebooks to write his name all over.

Now these boyfriend/girlfriend dramas are played out on Facebook and through text messages. When new love blossoms the kids post it on their Facebook page. They post just about every word they say to each other on Facebook for the world to see.

They text each other constantly. My grandsons both have cell phones and I have yet to see them actually talk on them, but they both have lightening fast thumbs when it comes to texting.

Then the day comes when the blossoming romance dies and hearts are broken and that gets posted on Facebook too. In fact, I have heard that teenagers have found out that their love has broken up with them on Facebook.

And, sometimes the breakup comes in the form of a text message, not from the girlfriend/boyfriend, but from the girlfriend/boyfriend's best friend. How stupid is that???

At least way back in my day we would send them a note that we wrote ourselves and then had our best friend deliver it for us.

The electronic communications era has certainly changed how teenagers interact with each other to a tremendous degree. I have to admit that I just don't understand any of it.

What hasn't changed, at least I hope it hasn't, is person-to-person romance. I truly hope my grandsons still have their girlfriends a few days from now and that they have a wonderful time on their dates.

They can post their date highlights on Facebook and text their friends all about it, but the way I see it one thing electronic media can't improve or ruin is the thrill of the Valentine's Day kiss at the end of the date.

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By NANCY BROWN



Hal Mahon recently saw a pileated woodpecker near his home on Forest Drive. Hal reports that the pileated woodpecker is only occasionally seen in this area, but is more common farther south. The bird, which is the size of a crow, is black with white neck stripes and a prominent red crest. If you've never seen snowmaking in progress, now is your chance. In preparation for Bethel WinterFest 2012, which will be held Feb. 24-25, snow guns have been in action at Festival Plaza on Cross Street, where a sliding hill is being built. Other events during the Winter-

Fest include Nordic and Alpine skiing events, snowshoe demonstrations, snow groomer rides, and a rail jam. Events are scheduled throughout the Bethel area. A complete schedule of events is available at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.bethel-maine.com.

A Snowshoe Race will be held at the Bethel Nordic Center at the Bethel Inn on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. The 5k race is the third in a series of five snowshoe races being sponsored by the Western Foothills Land Trust. Registration is \$15 in advance, and \$20 on the day of the race. You can get more information on the snowshoe races, where to rent running snowshoes, and also register for the race by going to www.runreg.com. If you're not ready to race in snowshoes yet, you can come

just to watch.

Did you know that the town of Norway used to be called the "Snowshoe Capital of the World?" Years before L.L. Bean and Tubbs began making mass-produced snowshoes, local Mainers in Oxford County made the world's best snowshoes. At one time in the 1900s there were five snowshoe companies in Norway. This Saturday, Feb. 11, is the Second Annual Shoe & String Festival in Norway. The festival celebrates Mellie Dunham, a master snowshoe maker who provided snowshoes for Admiral Robert Peary's North Pole expedition in 1908-09. Dunham was also a champion fiddle player. The festival includes morning snowshoe activities at Roberts Farm Preserve at 164 Roberts Road; a public luncheon at noon at the Norway Grange Hall on Whitman Street; and music and dancing at the Grange throughout the afternoon.

This week shops along Main Street in Norway have set up exhibits that highlight Norway's snowshoe making industry. On Thursday, Feb. 9 (tonight) at 7 p.m. the Norway Memorial Library will host "Both Poles and a World in Between," a presentation on the snowshoe industry in Norway, by Lee Dasser of the Western Foothills Land Trust. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information on the activities, contact Lee Dasser at 739-2124.

If you can't attend the festival or see the snowshoe exhibits this week, you can visit a local snowshoe museum run by Paul Cote of Pa's Antique Attic, 1192 Main Street in Oxford. Cote's museum is open the first week of every month from 9 to 5 p.m., and features a collection of Norway-built snowshoes, Paris Manufacturing Co. sleds, and wagons. If you have news you'd like to share, please call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

Bettyann and Sonny Hasting went to Milford, Mass., to visit Jack and Julie Warwick. They also went to North Reading to celebrate three birthdays with Eric and Celeste Hastings and their sons Zack and Cam. Belated Happy Birthday to all. Coming to find out Erich has been researching the Butters' Family Tree and found out that the Walter Butters House, which was built in the 1600s, is being restored.

On Feb. 5, Gloria Crockett had a big sliding party at her house. Wilma and Wayne Bean, Jen and Rick Merrill along with daughters Katy and Taylor and their friend Nick Johnson, and Stacy Coolidge and son Gabe were there to enjoy the day. Arlene Harrington also came to ski around the field. Later they went to celebrate Wilma's birthday with cake and ice cream. Belated Happy Birthday, Wilma.

Cherri Crockett hosted a Girls Only Snowshoe on Saturday with 21 women trekking through the woods and fields. Cherri says, "Thank you to Arlene Harrington, Babe Bartlett, Jay Hastings and Clark Bartlett for allowing me access to their property. Without their willingness to share we wouldn't have been able to go far at all. A special thank you to Wilma Bean for coming out and taking our group photo! We had a blast!"

Sounds like many are having lots of fun despite the small amount of snow this year. Why not call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net and share your winter fun stories with us.

Have a great week and do not forget Happy Valentine's Day!

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Hello and happy Winter! Farmers Almanac seems to have been a bit, dare I say, off about this

season. The only severe thing about it so far is the flip flop of temperatures. We'll be lucky if the migratory birds ever stop flying back and forth, back and forth, phew!

Recently, I had an opportunity to chat with Nina Wheeler. I wanted to thank her for her many years of selflessly giving her time and energy to running the Christmas For Families program. I had no idea the extent of her dedi-

cation and was very humbled throughout the conversation. The Christmas For Families program has been in operation for, I forget how many years (my memory, she ain't so good and I'm not even "old" yet), but it goes way back.

The program was brought into creation through the awareness of a clear and persistent need of local families that found themselves coming up a bit short at Christmas. No child should be without. So, through the wonderful generosity of area businesses, the locals, friends and neighbors and her husband, Nina launched and continues to maintain Christmas for Families.

Each "family" usually receives for the kiddos, warm jammies and slippers, new toys and games and of course something for the parents too. Mum's the word on confidentiality too.

I told Nina that we've always wanted to help out too but in the dirt digging business, finances are a bit frozen around that time of the year. Nina then informed me, much to my delight, that she accepts donations ALL YEAR LONG, especially during Christmas Clearance. "Yay," and "duh" on my behalf, but I felt that this was something definitely newsworthy to share with you all.

If you are interested in donating new toys or clothes or \$ please feel free to contact Nina Wheeler at 836-3600, she will happily take your call. Nina told me that they were able to help somewhere around 250 children, plus parents, this past Christmas! The effects of gratitude shown, reflect in past recipients who one day find themselves in a position to give back to the program. Seeing this love and appreciation go full circle fuels Nina to continue, year after year, and it shows in her radiant smile that she flashes as she shares to anyone with a willing ear; all about Christmas For Families.

Windy Valley's Snowmobile Club is hosting its 12th annual Landowner Appreciation Spaghetti and Oyster Stew Dinner Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. Open to the

public, cost: adults \$7 kids under 12 free.

There will also be a 50/50 Raffle and Lobster Raffle (I heard that the lobsters are to be ginormous!)

This dinner will be held at the Bear River Grange Hall. The Grange is also a popular location for riders to unload and park with easy trail access; however, I noticed that necessity had resulted in the placement of a new sign asking that all who do use the parking lot to please load/unload and then move your vehicles.

The hope is to reduce any possible damage to the recent pavement and to keep the flow and use of the parking lot to a maximum for all of its many uses. And while I haven't quoted the sign directly but merely paraphrased, feel free to take a gander at it for yourself on the 18th.

Just a quick note that Freeman, Benny and I had a wonderful day, a few weeks back, up to the Newry Mine. For me it was like getting to go to Disneyland off-season! Being a rock hound, such as I am, it was a lifelong dream come true.

Despite the entire mine being covered in snow it was captivating! The long, slippery, bumpy ride, most of it, riding in the back of the truck, was...ahhh... exhilarating!

I felt like a kid again, sun shining down on me, the wind in my hair, the woods engulfing us, I actually laughed when we took three tries on the last hill, each one a bit bouncier than the last. We never did make it with our own truck all the way up. Benny and "Sam No.4" entertained each other with flying snow.

Who knows what Bob and Freeman were doing, I was just in my glory soaking in the long awaited view. Perhaps there will be a next time, without snow...

Ah, well, that's all for now. Have a blessed week!

And as always please feel free to contact me with your news at 824-0836 or at sabcart@gmail.com

OCSO Bethel Patrol Log

Wednesday, Feb. 1

At 7:35 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the West Bethel Road for a report that a moose had been hit. The animal was dispatched.

At 1:33 p.m. Lt. Tom Harriman did a followup on a domestic violence case on Mason Street.

At 2:01 p.m. Lt. Tom Harriman did a followup on a domestic violence case on Vernon Street.

At 6:06 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Main Street for a report of an unwanted tenant. The subject was gone prior to the officer's arrival. A criminal trespass warning was planned.

At 9:15 p.m. a subject reported an incident on Main Street he felt was harassment to Deputy Dennis Ryder. Both parties said that based on what had been shared by both it was not at a criminal level and therefore there was no evidence of harassment.

Thursday, Feb. 2

At 7:53 a.m. a Mason Street caller reported a subject was making gestures that she believed might be threatening. The court protection from harassment process was explained by Cpl. Brian Landis.

At 1:13 a.m. two vehicles on Church Street were towed for interfering with snow removal.

Saturday, Feb. 4

At 11:56 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded to Taylor Woods Road for a report of noises outside a residence. The area was checked and everything was fine.

Monday, Feb. 6

At 11:16 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Mayville Road for a report of a fraudulent call about sending money overseas.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the OCSO, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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Feb. 3, 5:10 p.m.: Mary Jo Kennett, 56, of Bethel, telephone harassment, by Deputy George Cayer in Bethel.

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Thursday, February 9th

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Friday, February 10th

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Saturday, February 11th

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East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I am having one of those times again when I don't know how to start. So, I might as well jump right in.

Neil Olson had a Superbowl Party and card game at his house, and Levi Brown was the big winner.

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Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The weather is behaving and there are no different birds at the feeder. Just the usual suspects and those pesky squirrels. Things are relatively quiet in Gilead.

My brother, Steve McLain, called me the other evening with sad news. He told me that Nelson Smith had passed away. Nelson will be missed. He was a great guy. Condolences go out to his family.

Major Stephen McLain, III, the son of Steve and Lise McLain, Jr. and a Telstar graduate of 1989, left on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from the country of Norway to Swaziland, Africa on a humanitarian mission. He will be in Africa for two weeks.

I am not a big fan of Facebook, and only use it to communicate with members of the Gilead Historical Society on their page. Thanks to Cathy Newell, I am now hooked on a new page that had to do with growing up in Bethel, Maine. I did not but Hugh did and he is enjoying all the pictures and comments that are being posted. We are in the process of organizing some of our old pictures so the timing was right. We have found a few and posted them for others to enjoy.

Dan and Luella Cole's grandson, Robert, celebrated his 7th birthday on Feb. 3. His mother, Kelly Cole, said that he had a big birthday party. Instead of receiving presents, he asked for monetary donations to be made to a charity that helps homeless children in his town.

Lise McLain became a great-aunt once again with the arrival of Teddy Crockett on Jan. 29, the son of Jarrod and Paige Crockett of East Bethel.

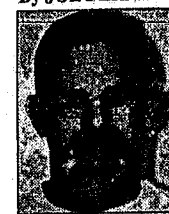
Reminder: "Caring for Your Heart," a special program for American Heart Month, will be presented by Daniel E. van Buren, M.D., Board Certified Cardiologist, tonight (Thursday, Feb. 9, with a snow date of Feb. 16) at The Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Dr. van Buren will discuss heart

disease, prevention, symptoms, treatment options and new developments. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments. For more information, call R. Tift at 824-2053. This program is sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College and SAD 44 Adult and Continuing Education.

Got news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The State Line Snowmobile Club held their monthly meeting Saturday. There were discussions about the trails, trail conditions, and of course the lack of snow. The officers set the date and time, Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m., for the ride-in/cookout at Marie and Ray Chabot's. The club will have their next meeting Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Ladies Aid continues to serve Sunday breakfast. The food is always good and it is a pleasant time and place to visit with neighbors. The Ladies meet every Friday at 10 a.m. in Leslie's home. One of their upcoming events is a pizza party to be held Saturday, Feb. 18, beginning at 5 p.m. The party will be at the Ladies Aid building.

Carol and Charlie will host a sliding party, at their home, Saturday, Feb. 18, starting at 4:30. They will serve hot dogs, chili, and more. The hill will be groomed for sliding, the backyard lights will be set up and there will be a bonfire. A fun time should be had by all.

The next Upton Historical Society meeting will be Feb. 26, 1 p.m. at the Upton House. Upton Planning Board will have their next meeting Friday, Feb. 24, 6:30 in the town office.

Neil and I rode about 80 miles this weekend. Most of the trails we rode were not bad. We went to the Branch road in Newry Friday night, and hit some freshly groomed sections.

The price of gasoline and heating oil is soaring again. I wonder whose avarice the American consumers are being forced to pay for this time.

Please e-mail me @ backstjoe@gmail.com or call 533-2010 with your news, thank you.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The town hall building committee met recently to review plans for moving the town offices from their current location in the school house on Bird Hill Road to the town hall on Route 26 beside the post office. This move is necessary because of mold and mildew in the current location. While the town hall has some of the same issues, it is structurally better.

The committee reviewed designs for what the new office will look like. It will be on the first floor at the town hall. There now are two small offices, a bathroom, dining hall, and kitchen on the first floor. The offices will be expanded; the bathroom remodeled to become handicapped-accessible, and the dining hall will become the meeting room. Ironically, the town offices were originally located at the town hall. They were moved to the school house in mid-1980s.

Plans for addressing the moisture concerns in the basement of the town hall are also being considered. Once the design has been finalized, Town Manager Kim Sparks said the committee will begin looking into alternative heating sources for the new offices along with insulation plans.

The current set of plans is being reviewed by Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Whitman. Draft plans will be available this week at the Greenwood Town Office.

The Mahosuc Telemark Ski and Mountain Bike shop on the corner of Bird Hill Road and Route 26 has closed. This space is available for rent and contact details are posted on the front door of the building. Sorry to see another business close. Owner Rick Boucher ran the shop for about 20 years, first in Bethel and then here in Locke's Mills when he bought the building.

The woodpile seems to be holding out well. It is interesting and amusing how my attitude toward wood heat changes between September and February. The first fires of the fall always charm me. I like carrying in the wood and feel rather virtuous about it. I love the cozy feel of the wood heat and the beauty of the blaze. By February filling the wood box

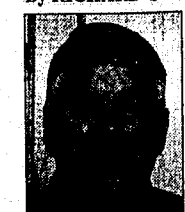
has become a pain you-know-where, the ash dust has covered everything, and the blaze no longer charms me. The best enjoyment of wood heat at this time of winter is the very large amount of money I save on heating. Spring will arrive. And so will another couple cords of wood to be stacked. Now that is a really charming task!

If you are getting cabin fever, the Chocolate Festival is this Sunday (Feb. 12). It is put on by the THS senior class to support Project Graduation. What better excuse to indulge than supporting our young people. It will be held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center from 2 to 4 p.m. \$5 for all the chocolate goodies you can eat. Thrill your taste buds, plump up your belly, celebrate Valentine's Day, and support our teens.

You can send news to me at staichie@gmail.com.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



With the introduction to the Wild Weasel mission over, we new trainees all suffered an increased level of unease about our survival in the upcoming mission. The instructors impressed upon us the importance of "crewing up," that is, mating pilots with EWOs with whom they would fly all their combat missions. It was essential that both members worked together exclusively so that each one immediately understood what the other was doing and responded correctly. When a missile was launched, seconds were precious, and indecision could be fatal. We were told to mingle and select our other crewmate within the next day or two so that we could begin flight training together.

Joking, I asked the instructors if there were any female pilots that I could crew up with. The response: "There are no crack troops in this outfit!"

Then discussion ensued where the instructors talked about what the back seaters were called. In the two-seat F-4 fighters, the back seater was referred to as the GIB, or guy in back! Weasel back seaters were known as "bears." The reason for this was that, while

fighter pilots are known as aggressive and obnoxious, they expected the EWOs to be more meek and mild. It turned out that, when shot at by SAMs, the EWOs rose up and wanted to "kill that SOB," as a bear does when threatened. The "bear" moniker stuck.

By then, we were all totally motivated to learn everything we could find out about the SA-2 SAM system and the RHAW equipment installed in our F-105s. Nobody was seen to doze off in class. In my six years as a B-52 EWO I had often studied Soviet Russian radar systems, particularly the SAMs, but we were really not given critical details about how those systems worked. Now, we were learning more.

The SA-2 missile sites were usually arranged in a "star of David" pattern, with six missile launchers arranged in a circle around the radar control van. The target tracking radar (which tracked our aircraft) was actually a dual radar system, with one radar scanning horizontally, and the other scanning vertically at the same time. The guidance system then centered the target (us) in the center of both beams, which operated at different radio frequencies at the same time. When our aircraft came into missile range, about 20 miles, one or two missiles were launched, just seconds apart. As our aircraft maneuvered, the radar beams adjusted, keeping the target in the center. As soon as the first missile launched, a missile guidance signal was transmitted from a circular dish antenna atop the radar van. This signal carried guidance commands to an antenna in the rear of the missile, guiding the missile to a projected impact point, where computers predicted the aircraft target would be when the missile got there. This is called "command guidance," with the guidance commands transmitted from the ground control system.

A defense contractor, Advanced Technology Incorporated (ATI) designed the RHAW systems around what intelligence told them about the SA-2 systems. The centerpiece was a small receiver with a circular green scope about 3 inches in diameter, mounted atop the center console in both cockpits. This receiver scope was called the APR-25. Three concentric cir-

cles, we called "rings," surrounded the center of the scope, about 1/2 inch, 1 inch, and 1 1/2 inches from center. This receiver displayed the target tracking radar signals as bright green strobes, extending from the center of the scope outward in the relative direction of the radar off the nose of the aircraft, straight up was 12:00 o'clock (straight ahead); 90 degrees to the right was 3:00 o'clock; straight behind was 6:00 o'clock; 90 degrees left was 9:00 o'clock. Signal strength gave us an estimate of how much trouble we were in. Less than one ring meant we were still out of range. Two rings meant we were within missile range, and if the signal extended full scope and started curling back, you were passing over the SAM site! These signals flickered at the 16 cycles per second (CPS) rate of the radar scanner, and produced the rattlesnake sound in our headsets.

Mounted atop the APR-25 scope was rectangular button (red) about 1/2 by 1 inch in size, labeled LAUNCH. This was the APR-25 receiver which detected the missile guidance signals. When a missile was launched, the red LAUNCH light illuminated, and a loud audio tone sounded (very similar to the police radar detectors we have in our car).

Informally, the LAUNCH light was referred to as the "Oh s---" light.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Don't forget to get your sweethearts and go to the play "Love Letters" on Saturday evening in the Town Hall at 7 p.m. In addition to a great evening of entertainment, there will be an intermission featuring chocolate desserts and goodies. Adults \$8, Seniors \$5. Proceeds to benefit the Save Our School Committee.

On Sunday the Republicans, under the able leadership of Paula Smith, held a caucus at the CEB. Ron Paul Campaigners were present with literature and signs.

Sue Mills of the Andover Educational Fund is announcing a meeting to be held with

12 romantic movies to share



Valentine's Day 2012

Dinner and a movie have been a dating staple for generations. On Valentine's Day, couples often opt to stick with what works and dine out and then catch a flick — either at the theater or curled up on the sofa at home.

Choosing the right movie may take some compromise. He may believe a sexy James Bond-type girl dodging explosives and sports cars is the ultimate in cinematic excellence. She may believe it isn't a good movie unless you've used a full box of tissues.

However, the movie industry and others may have their own thoughts on what constitutes an ideal Valentine's Day movie, or one that can be enjoyed when you desire to put a little romance in the air. Here are 14 movies deemed very romantic. See if they will be the right fit for your movie night.

1. **Dirty Dancing:** This 1980s flick stands the test of time 25 years later. Baby, a good girl from an affluent family, falls in love with Johnny, a drifter, dance instructor, while she's on a family vacation at a Catskills summer resort. This movie showcases that sometimes love transcends prestige, personal status and well-meaning fathers.

2. **Titanic:** In another classic movie where love trumps social class, Rose and Jack fall in love aboard the doomed ship. Their passionate connection survives a tragedy and the ultimate separation.

3. **Princess Bride:** A Rob Reiner movie, this fairytale tells the story of Buttercup and Wesley, a poor farm boy who wins the love of his employer. When Wesley is presumed dead and Buttercup becomes engaged to an area prince whom she doesn't love, viewers are taken on an adventure that shows that even death cannot stop true love.

4. **Gone With the Wind:** If a classic romance is what you desire, look no further than this epic film. Scarlett O'Hara is a conspiring woman who wants to choose her own husband, but ends up in the arms of rascal Rhett Butler amid the drama of the Civil War.

5. **Pretty Woman:** Despite a controversial storyline that puts Richard Gere and Julia Roberts together — he's a businessman and she's a prostitute — the theme of the movie is how love has no social boundaries, and sometimes it's better to look beyond one's own backyard for the love of your life.

6. **Legends of the Fall:** A tragic but inspiring tale of three brothers who all fall in love with the same woman, Susannah, for different reasons, although only one eventually marries her in the end. Family strife and complications show the darker side of love.

7. **A Room With a View:** Lucy vacations in Italy, where she meets people who are more passion-driven than those in her native Britain. When she meets Julian, a Brit who has been in Italy a while and has learned the wiles of romance, she is drawn into a liaison that she soon regrets.

8. **Sleepless in Seattle:** Sam loses his wife Maggie and has to raise his son, Jonah alone in their new hometown of Seattle. Annie, a Baltimore reporter, hears his heartbreaking tale when Jonah calls into a self-help radio talk show on Christmas Eve. Annie becomes fascinated with Sam's story and wonders if they should meet.

9. **Bridget Jones's Diary:** A modern day "Pride and Prejudice," Bridget is a single woman in her 30s who has a poor self-image and is also in a pseudo-relationship with her scoundrel boss, played by Hugh Grant. Bridget is consistently thrown into circumstances that involve a family friend, Mark Darcy, whom Bridget sees as uptight and boring. Eventually, however, she sees a different side of the supposedly boring lawyer. If you prefer the original tale, watch "Pride and Prejudice" starring Keira Knightly.



10. **50 First Dates:** This quirky movie tells the tale of Henry, a bachelor and player who meets Lucy, a person with short-term memory amnesia who forgets everything from the day once she goes to sleep. Reliving day after day, Lucy starts to fall for Henry, who does his best to be memorable.

11. **An Affair to Remember:** Handsome playboy Nicky falls in love with Terry, a nightclub singer, while on a cruise from Europe to New York, despite each's engagement to other people. They agree to reconnect in six months at the Empire State Building to see if they should continue their relationship. But Terry experiences a situation that keeps her from their meeting, leaving Nicky to wonder if her love has waned.

12. **The Notebook:** Allie and Noah meet at a carnival and fall in love but are kept from each other by Allie's disapproving parents who move her away. Allie waits several years to hear from Noah before getting engaged to another, but then must satisfy her curiosity whether Noah is alright.

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the 2012 seniors regarding Ed Fund scholarships on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the CEB Food Pantry Conference Room. This meeting is designed to inform parents and students of the various scholarship opportunities available through the Ed Fund and requirements for applying for same.

The Town Office is now registering vehicles that need plates. They have a full line of all the specialty plates including Conservation plates, Support Animal Welfare, Sportsman, Agriculture, Support Breast Cancer Research. Andover residents no longer have to go to Mexico for plates.

The Sno-Goer's Hut is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. I understand they had a great turnout on Saturday and sold out of the delicious homemade meal of the day.

Darlene Akers will be holding two workshops on Sunday, Feb. 12, on staying healthy with herbal remedies. Immunity 101 Prevention 11 a.m. and Cold/Flue Remedies from 2 to 4 p.m. Each class is \$20. Attendees will go home with samples and recipes. Darlene's classes are held at her Dragonfly Healing Nest, above the ski shop!

The Budget Committee has finished their work for this year. These figures are just some of the many items considered by this group that looks for ways to cut municipal expenses and thus ease the tax burden on property owners. The General Municipal Expense account increased from \$61,000 to \$70,777.92. MMA dues rose \$26, the Fire Department increased from \$28,185 to \$36,500, Highway Department Vehicle Repair went from \$8,000 to \$9,300. There were some decreases as the Cemetery account went from \$4,200 to \$3,900 and the Transfer Station went from \$55,000 to \$48,000. The total of the budgetary items recommended by the Budget Committee was \$507,090.56. According to Treasurer Barbara Simmons, the total appropriations for 2011 were \$552,610.34.

The First Congregational Church was founded in 1800 by the early settlers of Andover. The present sanctuary was erected in 1831 and the CEB addition went on in the late 1960s with an addition to the kitchen in the 1980s. The church is a United Church of Christ congregation who believes God is still speaking to us through the Scriptures and subscribes to this statement.

"Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." In the earliest history of the church, members took the role of pastor and worship leader and in 1990 the church again found that God was calling them to having pastoral leadership from within

when they called a member to serve as pastor. During the winter months the congregation meets in the CEB to converse on oil. Worship is at 10 a.m. Upcoming events at the church include a potluck and annual meeting on Feb. 19 following worship. Prayer workshops on March 3 and 24 and April 21. A Lenten Kerygma program will follow worship on the Sundays of Lent beginning Feb. 26. The course will focus on Holy week and what that means for Christians. The facilities are open to many community organizations and events including suppers, meetings, bridal, baby showers and birthday parties. There will be a bake sale at the CEB on Saturday Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information contact the pastor, yours truly, at 392-3761.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



Happy February fellow readers! What a busy weekend with all the anticipation of the super bowl built up and now that it's behind us what can we say about the Pats? They seem like they couldn't get their hands on the ball. So much was riding on the last play and still they choked! I enjoyed the half time with Madonna singing some of her greatest hits for when I started dating my husband I was all about pop music, 103.7 peek FM was my station. I despised country and that was all David listened to. We would always have music battles till one day the station was bought out by country so then I had no choice but to open my mind to country music. Now I can say I haven't listened to pop ever since. So it was nice to listen to some of my favorite songs from Madonna. I really didn't care too much for the commercials; I enjoyed seeing the Budweiser Clydes as I've seen them in person before. However I had never seen them horse around so much for a beer before!

Let's take a peek at my latest week. I had a doctor's appointment with my OBGYN and usually it's one of the most dreadful appointments, but the staff at Western Maine are wonderful. They take their jobs to higher expectations and develop a trust that results in friendship. I was happy to see my doctor and my nurses who have saved both my life and my children's many of times. Because of them I was successful in delivering healthy babies every time. I couldn't thank Deb enough for being there for me and walking me through some

tough times from teen pregnancy to trying to conceive and also through all of my complications along the way. I couldn't be more satisfied with my health care anywhere else. However I still have not made friends with the darn scales there!

The kids brought home wonderful report cards this week with lots of check pluses along with A's and B's. I couldn't be more proud. Emma has struggled a bit more this last quarter due to illness but she is so intelligent that she picks up right where she leaves off with no progress lost. I'm pretty sure she will become a writer one day as she has a passion for it and does very well at the ripe old age of seven and she has great illustrations too.

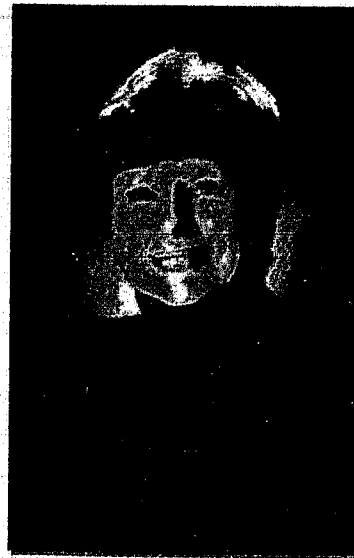
I was pretty busy this week planning the twins' tenth birthday party, and all at once I had found a pair of horses that were irresistible, a great match for my family, so I had to juggle the weekend with the party and picking up the horses. Hauling horses is always a stressful procedure especially when the traveling is slick, but all in all it went relatively well.

I have been searching for a nice western pleasure paint for some time now and I knew if I was patient one would turn up. Sure enough I have a beautiful black and white paint with two crystal blues in my barn and I couldn't be more happier. The lady I got her from surprised me when she jumped from the ground right on her back and rode her around like a champ. With all that said you might think that was nothing but take in consideration the horse is fifteen plus hands, tall hasn't been ridden since summer, and the women is only 5 feet 4 inches and also pregnant. Now that's a real cow girl! Emma got a nice mini horse that is broke to ride and drive. We took advantage of the beautiful day Monday and went for a nice pony ride in the dooryard the sun was glaring down on my daughter's face making her glow with glee, her curly hair was blowing in the light breeze sprung up and down with every trot, she was on top of the world with a smile that will stick for a lifetime!

Sometimes following crazy dreams works out for the best and they are all well worth it. I need to remember that while busting butt sweating in the hay field this summer.

The twins' birthday party went well; we had a good day spending time with friends

New faces at Norway Savings Bank



Bill White is Vice President, Personal and Small Business Development Officer at the Bethel office. Bill attended Gould Academy before attending the University of New Hampshire, where he earned a B.S. in hotel administration. He held the position of General Manager of Operations at the Bethel Inn and Country Club before taking on the role of co-owner and manager of the Sudbury Inn also in Bethel in 2000. After selling the Inn in 2008, Bill became a business consultant advising his clients on financial planning and business management. The following year Community Concepts enlisted Bill's expertise in assisting their clients with loan and business needs. He was responsible for researching and providing underwriting for all loan proposals and counseled clients on business plan development. Bill most recently held the position of Chief Operating Officer for Penley Corp. in West Paris.

Bethel Branch Manager Cindy Hakala attended high school at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. She spent 27 years working at Hannaford Bros. Company and was store manager of the Bridgton location until 2006. She began working for Norway Savings Bank in 2006 as a teller, and was assigned the branch manager position of the South Paris branch in January of 2009. She assumed the dual role with Bethel in October of 2011. Hakala is on the Board of Directors of the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce, holding the position of treasurer. She also serves on the Board of Directors of SAPARS, which is the newly merged coalition of REACH and its counterparts. She has been actively involved in the local Kiwanis club of Norway/Paris, and is currently president of that club.

and family and a great time bowling, although my mother won me! It's great to see her being able to keep up with all the adventures we do now that she has lost a lot of weight. I'm proud of her for overcoming such great obstacles. My sister and I had our rematch on arm wrestling and all I will say is my workouts paid off. We also discovered that we do have something in common, we both only like the pink and white Valentine heart candies and no other color. We both like the Pepto-Bismol flavor. That is amazing we do have similarities!

I was fortunate enough to discover a good friend this week that I didn't really know I had until now. Our paths have crossed for one reason or another and I'm going to see to it that I do my best to make sure she has a shoulder to lean on along her new journey. I will be her umbrella

your obstacles will strengthen your soul and build your wisdom and in return your children will reflect that strength while making their life's decisions. You also can't fix something that isn't broken, so let tears fall and in time they will wash away the bad stains that tarnish your heart allowing your true colors to shine.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover Planning Board met Feb. 13. Vice Chairman Jeff Watts opened the meeting. The agenda called for reorganization of the Board. Jeff Watts was elected chairman of the Planning Board followed by the election of Darlene Baker as vice chair person. John Booth, a Planning Board Alternate, became a full member of the Board to fill a vacancy. The Hanover Select Board is accepting applications for an alternate to replace John Booth. The Planning Board voted to send a note of appreciation to former Chairman Steve Pelletier for his dedication and direction while a member of the Board.

Hanover Republicans met with other towns in a Presidential Caucus on Feb. 5 at the Andover Congregational Church. Paul Ramsey is chairman of the Hanover Republican Committee.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library is selling home-baked beans on Saturdays. The bean eaters say it is a great and delicious fundraiser to support the library during the winter.

Donna and Clem Worcester traveled to Brunswick last Saturday to attend a meeting of the Knights of Pythias 2012 Supreme Convention Committee. The convention will be in Manchester, N.H., at the end of July and beginning of August. Meanwhile, the Maine Grand Lodge Convention will be in Ellsworth in April.

Next week staring us in the face is Valentine's Day. We hope everyone will enjoy the day with love running ramp

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pant. We wish a special Valentine greeting to the Town of Hanover to celebrate its incorporation that took place on Feb. 14, 1843.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



What interesting weather we have had so far this month. Mornings are cold, 12 below this past weekend, and afternoons have been sunny and spring like. Tasha is very adverse to going outside early in the a.m. Unfortunately our grandson, David, didn't throw her out before we left; we were long gone for the day. The result was not pretty. She left me offerings on both her beds. We forgave her because she is so old and no longer in control like she once was. When she was young and healthy, I could leave her home 14 hours and she'd be fine. She's just like any of us, as we age we have problems. Did you see the article on Joanne Morse and Dickens? I would never have made that connection between Bernie Madoff and Charles Dickens. Thursday, Feb. 9, ACA will meet at Waterford Library from 10 to 11. This is a step group and we are finishing Step 10. FMI please call 739-9115. If anyone came last week and didn't find us, that was my fault as I was ill with a major sinus infection. I am on the mend now and should be there this Thursday. Had a letter last week from Paula Leino. She has not been working in her hair boutique due to illness. She is on the mend, but not ready to reopen, yet. We wish you a speedy recovery. Spoke with former Waterford resident, Mark Tempesta the other day. He called from Massachusetts to wish me a happy birthday. Happy Birthday to you too Mark. This week I wish Happy Birthday to granddaughter Shana Morin. Happy birthday Shana. Snowshoeing event coming up in Norway and Oxford sounds exciting if there is enough snow. Carter's Cross Country on Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 as part of the Maine Health Learning Center's events. Perhaps I will try and check that out, since it is a Wednesday and not a Saturday. FMI call 1-866-609-5133. Cost is \$10.

Saturday is the 2nd Annual Mollie Dunham Shoe and String Festival in Norway. FMI call Lee at Western Foot-hills (739-2124).

Planning ahead, Norway Fireman's Relief Association will hold a turkey supper on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Norway Fire Station from 5 to 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26, Democratic Caucuses will be held throughout the state. The Waterford Caucuses will be held at the Waterford Town Office from 4 p.m. until all the business is completed.

The hour is not late, but I am off to bed. Have a great week and stay warm and safe.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Cool brisk morning here this a.m. 3 degrees, sunny skies with scattered clouds and a very cool breeze.

Condolences to the families of Maurice York Jr.; Timothy Bragg; Harold (Chick) Estes Sr.; Frances Jones Hammond; Hendrick R. (Del) Johnson; Raphael (Neil) Bradley. Love and prayers to each family member.

A great Love gathering show and dance for our friend Bill Giasson last week at the Silver Spur. The hall was packed and many, many came to support Bill and his family. Bill is battling cancer and needs all our prayers and support during this time in his life.

Received a nice phone call from Danny Dyer this morning. He was calling on news of his mom, Ginger Mae. Love and prayers to Ginger Mae on a speedy recovery.

Off to town to get a new hair style. It's getting closer to spring and I'm in need of a new style and look to go with the upcoming season.

Enjoyed a nice conversation with my niece Myra this morning on the computer. She lives in the city. And this gives us a chance to chat without the long-distance phone charges.

The birds are busy at the feeders here this a.m. A nut-hatch appeared yesterday; I love watching him and all the antics he goes through at the feeder.

A country show and dance at Litchfield Sportsman Club this Sunday (Feb. 5), several of us will be attending. It's a nice

drive on a beautiful sunny day, so am praying for a great sunny day for the trip down.

Going to meet friends Gerry and Ed of Durham and Joe and Judy of Gardiner at the VFW hall in Jay tonight for the evening dance. Love getting together with friends and spending happy times together.

Welcome home Richard W., have missed seeing you.

That's all from the valley this week. Want to get out and enjoy some of this great sunshine and beautiful day.

If anyone wishes to share a birth date, anniversary date or news on a new birth or any other news, please feel free to call me at 674-3104.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



It is a glorious Sunday afternoon and the anticipation of the big game ahead leaves us all excited and ready to party. Come on Patriots show us your stuff!

Well, it has been a busy and fun week for me as I turned 69 on Friday!

I had lots of fun with my family with phone calls, and presents in the mail.

Friday night I had pizza and a birthday cake with Doug, Bella and my sister Chris Cole and her hubby Elton.

Saturday evening I had a wonderful birthday dinner at the Cho-Sun Sushi Bar and Grill with Doug, Jen and Bella.

My first try eating Sushi and I loved it. Great restaurant, with wonderful service and a splendid atmosphere.

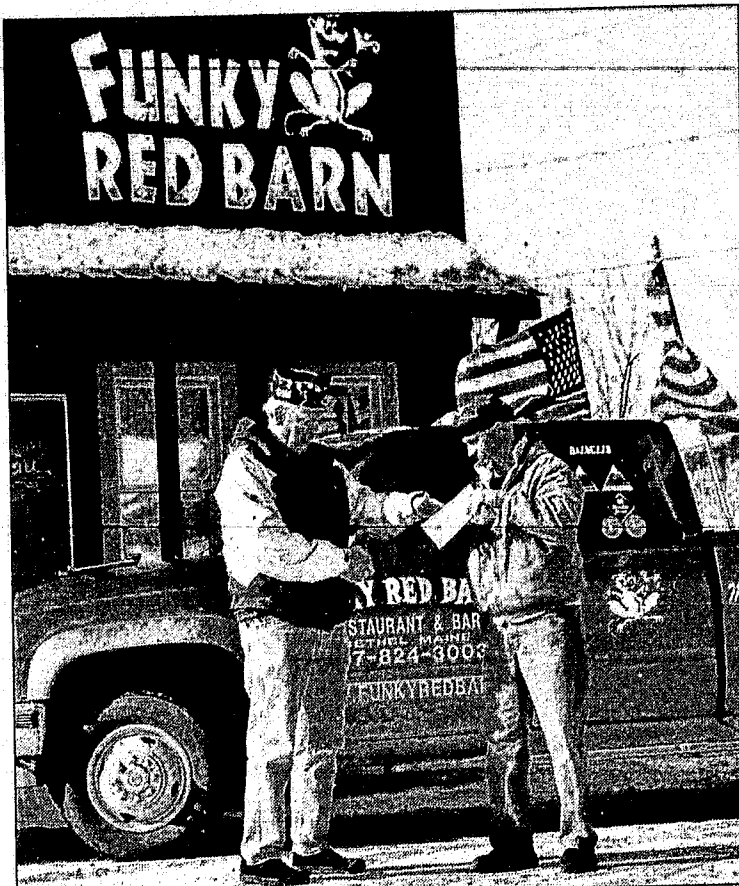
Margaret Barton and sister in-law Yvette went to Conway shopping on Friday.

Saturday night the Bartons had a family gathering to celebrate Franklin's 70th birthday.

Again, I am asking for people to call me with news, I can be reached at 824-2797 or 381-7952 or for those of you who have computers you can e-mail me at bennekthleen0@gmail.com.

It doesn't have to be anything serious just news that your neighbors like to read. Come on let's be neighborly and have some fun by sharing some of ourselves with others.

Get out and enjoy this mild winter. Take care until next week your friendly neighbor news reporter! I NEED NEWS to report.



LEGION DONATION; SCHOOL FUNDRAISER THIS WEEKEND- The Funky Red Barn recently presented a \$1,000 check to the Commander of American Legion Post 81 of Bethel, Robert McCartney, the proceeds from a benefit dance in support of the Bethel Veteran Memorial Fund. Music was provided by the Wick Garden, a Salem, Mass., band will play at the Funky Red Barn Feb. 11 in support of the SAD 44 Elementary School Music Department. There is a \$10 cover charge for entrance.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Whitman Memorial Library will hold its February program (today) Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. Dr. Fred Jordan will be presenting a somewhat whimsical look at forensic pathology over the years. He will also talk about the Maine medical examiners system then and now, mass disaster planning and a few interesting studies including one of a Maine boy who moved West. Dr. Jordan worked for many years in Oklahoma, but had a Bryant Pond connection. His godparents were Howard and Sylvia Judkins and he fondly remembers spending many weeks with them, as a boy. This will be an interesting afternoon.

The public is invited at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

T.O.P.S. If you need support to lose that holiday weight, join T.O.P.S. This month (February) membership is half price of \$13. The meetings are on Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church across from the Telstar High School.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6, prayer meeting on Wednesday at 6:30. On Saturday, Jan. 28 the Ladies Fellowship was held at the Social Hall.

Next one is Saturday, Feb. 25. Come visit and have fun getting together. Jan. 30 and 31 Ken and Alice Hoyt were at Sugarloaf attending the Special Olympics. JoAnn and David Crockett were also there on Sunday and Monday. Shawn Crockett won one gold medal, one silver medal and one 4th place ribbon in alpine skiing. His group won the overall large trophy. It was a very interesting and inspiring two days. All the Olympians did a great job.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVW will meet on Monday, Feb. 13, at the home of Alice Hoyt. The Historical Society will resume meetings in March. Curator Larry Billings says it is quite an endorsement to have famous people recognize his work with the society. Also, there must be something noteworthy about the society to cause their interest. It is definitely special. He engages in many cultural activities and encourages others to do the same.

SR Primetime Ski Club

With Sunday River having great snow and nearly 100 trails open, Primetime members have been all over the mountain. The skiing has been unanimously terrific. Since the folks from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut find it difficult to think snow while experiencing high temps, they're leaving the trails wide open for all of us. Come have some fun.

Primetime is all about minimizing ski injuries so a few basics to remember:

Ski in control, the injury you save may be mine.

When stopping on trails, meet only along the sides, above headwalls.

Stop downhill from your partners, not uphill and give space.

Give a wide berth to orange and green mid-trail signs, they don't move.

It's a big activity month for our members. Tonight (Thursday) we have a sign up only buffet at Roosters. Next week we have a special meeting followed by a potluck dinner. Then the week ends with our annual Portland Brunch and Theater Play. We'll talk about the second half of the month later.

The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects. Info at www.primetimeskiclub.com.

National History Day at BHS

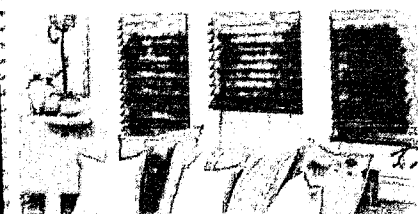
Once again, the Bethel Historical Society is pleased to be a supporter of the Maine National History Day Program, administered by the Maine State Archives. This year's annual educational competition for all Maine students in grades 6 through 12 will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at the University of Maine at Augusta. Each year students prepare papers, exhibits, documentaries, performances or websites that explore a broad historical theme which, this year, is "Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in History." The top two winners in each category are eligible to compete at the National competition.

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history and allows them to present their knowledge in a category of their choosing. Many students become intrigued with history for a lifetime, and the Bethel Historical Society is proud to invest in these "historians of tomorrow" who may one day be operating a local/regional historical society themselves!

For organizations like the Bethel Historical Society, Maine National History Day is the perfect state-wide place to share historical resources. With the availability of laptops in schools, students can pull research material from the Internet, but local library sources and primary source materials cared for by historical societies are recognized as key to a successful project. According to a recent evaluation study conducted by the research firm of Rockman et al, students who participate in the National History Day program score or rate higher than their peers who did not participate in the following areas: performance assessments; standardized test scores; academic performance; and interest in current events. Clearly, National History Day teaches critical thinking, writing, and research skills and boosts performance across all subjects; inspires students to achieve more than they ever thought they could; and prepares students for college, career and citizenship.

New books at the Waterford Library

Fiction: "1Q84" by Haruki Murakami; "11/22/63" by Stephen King; "The Art of Fielding" by Chad Harbach; "The Boy in the Suitcase" by Lene Kaaberbol and Agnete Friis; "The Brutal Telling" by Louise Penny; "The Burning Soul" by John Connolly; "Bury Your Dead" by Louise Penny; "Chango's Beads and Two-Tone Shoes" by William Kennedy; "D.C. Dead" by Stuart Woods; "The Drop" by Michael Connolly; "Ed King" by David Guterson; "Explosive Eighteen" by Stephanie Plum; "Father of the Rain" by Lilly King; "The Forgotten Waltz" by Anne Enright; "The Great Leader" by Jim Harrison; "The House of Silk" by Anthony Horowitz; "I Married You for Happiness" by Lily Tuck; "The Impossible Dead" by Ian Rankin; "The Lady of the Rivers" by Philippa Gregory; "Nanjing Requiem" by Ha Jin; "A Nice Place to Die" by Jane McLoughlin; "Nightwoods" by Charles



A "COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS AT SCHOOL, WORK AND CAREER PANEL" attended the Feb. 3 Telstar Student of the Month Assembly. The panelists spoke about their time as students, setting life goals and working toward meeting their goals. Pictured here are, from left: Dan Hart, THS principal; Kyle Tilsley, Maine State Police; Bob Remington, Telstar HS math teacher; Frank Delduca, owner, Crossroads Restaurant; and Dani Welch, Oxford County Sheriff's Department. Topics included Dependability at School and Work (Employers and School Administrators' expectations of being on time, coming to work and school prepared, displaying a positive work attitude, working with others, asking questions, and taking self-initiative); Personal Safety (To be aware and respect the decisions involving driving a vehicle, use of illegal substances, depression and anxiety, healthy and unhealthy relationships, proper eating and exercise); Aspirations (Setting academic and career goals, establishing mentors to learn more about goals and aspirations, to share in their progress, and support them). Questions asked by the audience included starting and ending salary for each profession and number of work hours expected. Trooper Tilsley was raised and graduated from a small town in Aroostook County. Dani Welch graduated from Telstar.

(Photo: J. Arizzi)



ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT Jean Lawrence, a 2011 graduate of Telstar Regional High School, is shown here receiving a scholarship award from Dr. Kevin Finley, Rotary Club Scholarship Chairman. Jean has completed her first semester of studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. (Photo: J. Arizzi)

Frazier; "The Prague Cemetery" by Umberto Eco; "The Sense of an Ending" by Julian Barnes; "The Sisters" by Nancy Jensen; "The Stranger's Child" by Alan Hollinghurst; "A Trick of Light" by Louise Penny; "Trick of the Dark" by Val McDermid; "V is for Vendetta" by Sue Grafton; "We the Animals" by Justin Torres; "Zero Day" by David Baldacci. Non-fiction: "Catherine the Great" by Robert Massie; "The Destiny of the Republic: a Tale of Medicine, Madness and the Murder of a President" by Candice Millard; "The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris" by David G McCullough; "The Natural Knitter: How To Choose, Use, and Knit Natural Fibers From Alpaca To Yak" by Barbara Albright; "Rin Tin Tin" by Susan Orlean; "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson; "Why Read Moby Dick" by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Children's books: "Interrupting Chicken" by David Ezra Stein; "Son of Neptune" by Rick Riordan. DVDs: Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera"; "Cold Mountain"; "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"; "Doctors"; "Forks Over Knives"; "Hope and Glory"; "Hotel Rwanda"; "The Life of Abraham Lincoln"; "On a Clear Day"; "Sense and Sensibility"; "Six Feet Under: the Complete First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Season"; "Snow Falling on Ce-

lars"; "Total Recall." DVDs for Children: "Baby Einstein: Baby Shakespeare World of Poetry"; "Baby Einstein: World Animals"; "Baby Noah"; "Baby MacDonald"; "Sing yourself silly!"

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 48, Monmouth 31; Feb. 2-Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 13 points, Corey Howard 12 points, Nick Mills 12.

Dirigo 74, Telstar 34; Jan. 30-Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 9 points, Corey Howard 8.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Monmouth 38, Telstar 31; Feb. 2-Telstar stats: Nik Conrad 9 points, Maverik Griffin 8.

Dirigo 64, Telstar 18; Jan. 30-Telstar stats: Nik Conrad 8 points, Maverik Griffin 4.

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Monmouth 46, Telstar 31; Feb. 4-Telstar was led with 9 points each from Annie Cushman and Alyssa Brands who also combined for three 3-pointers, 7 points from Savanna Pelletier, and 2 a piece from Katie Merrill, Maisey Griffin, and Crystelle Head who also showed great improvement in her rebounding. The team continues to gain skills and experience at the high school level in preparation for next year. Coach Mark Kenney

TMS Boys' Cross-country Skiing

Tripp Relay Race, Feb. 2- The Telstar Nordic Ski Team had a great race skiing in the Tripp Relay. We provided 4 teams for the race, 2 boys teams, one mixed team, and 1 girls team. All teams had to come up with a team name. For the boys, the first team was called Team Blue, comprised of Andrew Siegel, Brendon Sterns, Donny Seib and Marcus Wentworth. They won overall with a time of 23:48, winning oversized bowties and neckties and defeating 14 teams. The second boys team, Missile Squid, came in 7th and they were Sam Weaver, Galean Boyle-Wight, Ben Alford and Marcus Wentworth. Their time was 28:50, and there were 14 teams.

The girls team, called the Rebels, were Marta Opie, Aliah Connolly, Mia Shifrin and Livy Clarke. They scored third place with a time of 31:52. Teams from Maranocook and FAST edged them out. There were 10 teams.

For the mixed team, we had DACA who were Carla Boyle-Wight, Ani Inman, Andrew Siegel, and Donny Seib. They scored second place with a time of 27:11. There were 14 teams, with Maranocook edging them out for first place by about a minute. Coach Steve Keane

Mt. Valley Recreational Basketball

Top Teams Win in MVRBL- LBI, Mt. Abram and The Bethel Bobcats all garnered wins this past week to keep the standings in the same order. LBI (7-1) remains in first place after blowing out Jay (3-4), 104-68. All of LBI's five players placed in double figures led by Scot New with 33 points and 5 threes, Eric Canwell had 23, Craig Milledge 20, Brian Canwell 18 and Corey Derohn 11. Jay's Chris Baxter netted 23, Zane Armandi 20 and Eric Gemelli 10. Mt. Abram (6-2) took control of the game late and bested J&G Ballers (2-6), 89-77. Matt Newell was unstoppable in the paint for Mt. Abram with 36 points, Tyler Wentworth had 26, J.T. Taylor 14 and Spencer Glover 14. Big Myles Whitlock led J&G with 25 points, Dan Thibeault had 16, while Joe Gaudreau and Jamie Downs had 10 each. The Bethel Bobcats (6-2) glided past Archies (0-7), 88-59. Bethel got 23 from Sean Caddigan, 18 from Matt Zetts, 15 from Ryan Savage and 13 from T.J. Savage. Archies' one/two punch of Jeremy Childs and Mike Holmquist had 23 and 20 to pace their club. Next Sunday, 2/12/12, Bethel and LBI have a big game at 10 a.m., at 11:30. Jay and Mt. Abram are paired, then J&G and Archies play at 2 p.m.

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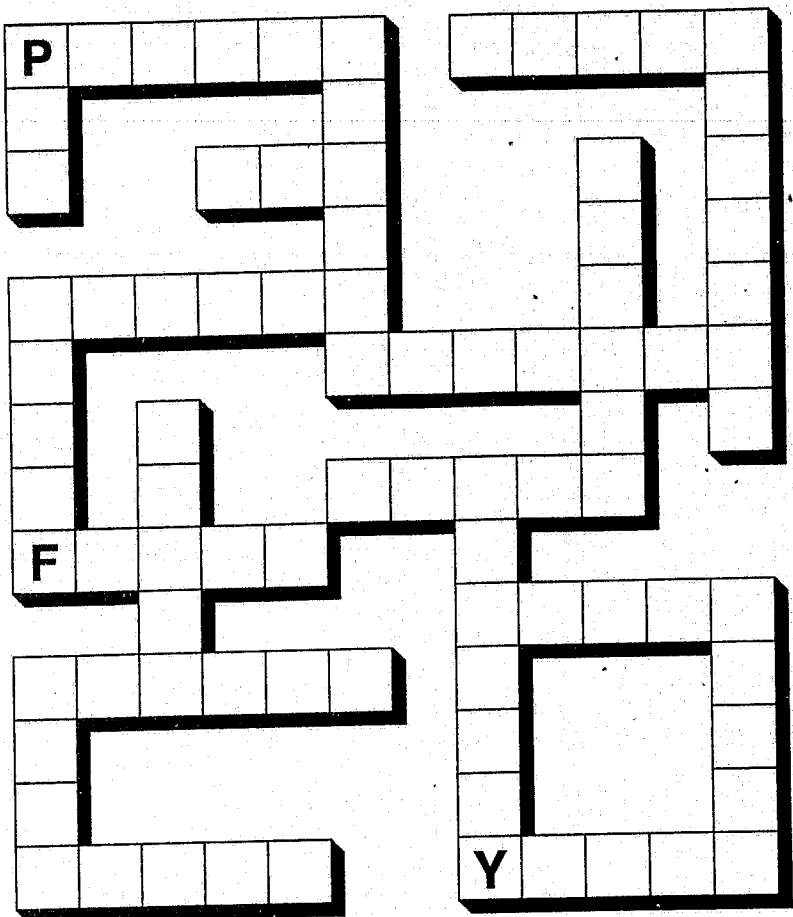
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Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

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LIE
PIE
- 4 Letters
VIEW
- 5 Letters
ALIEN
CHIEF
CRIED
DRIED
ELSIE
FIELD
NIECE
WIELD
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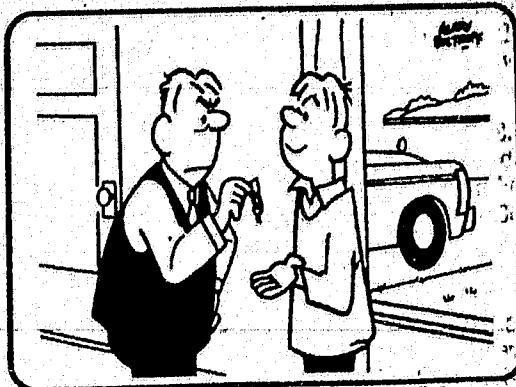
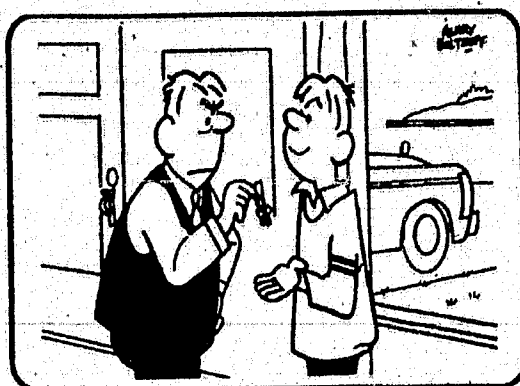


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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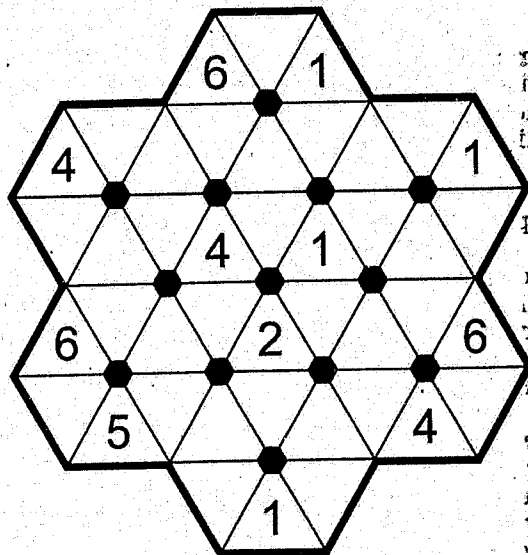
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

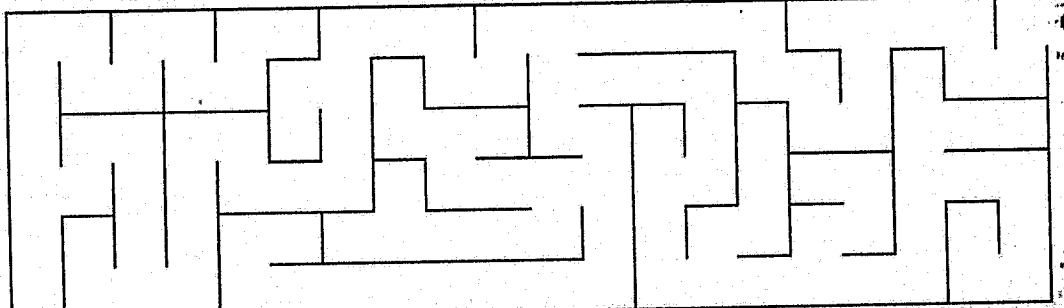


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Kids' Maze

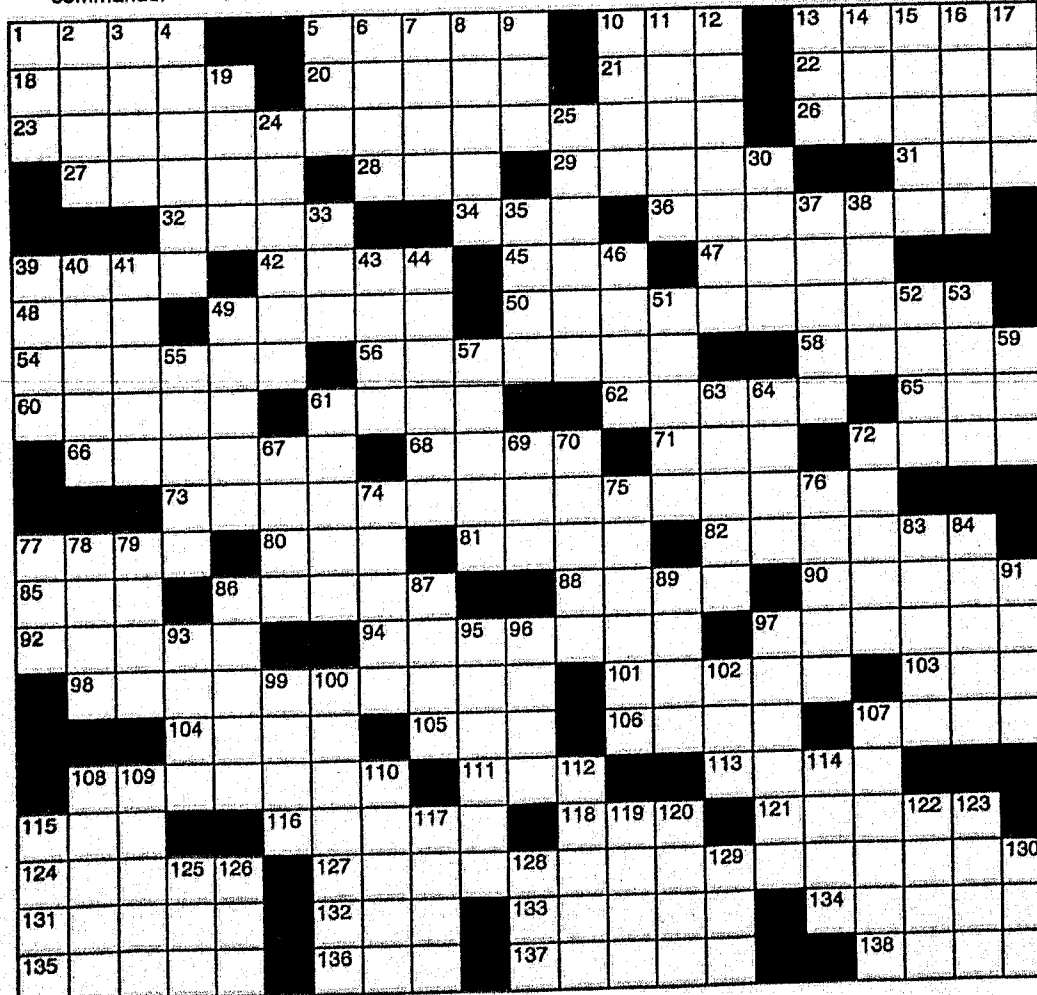


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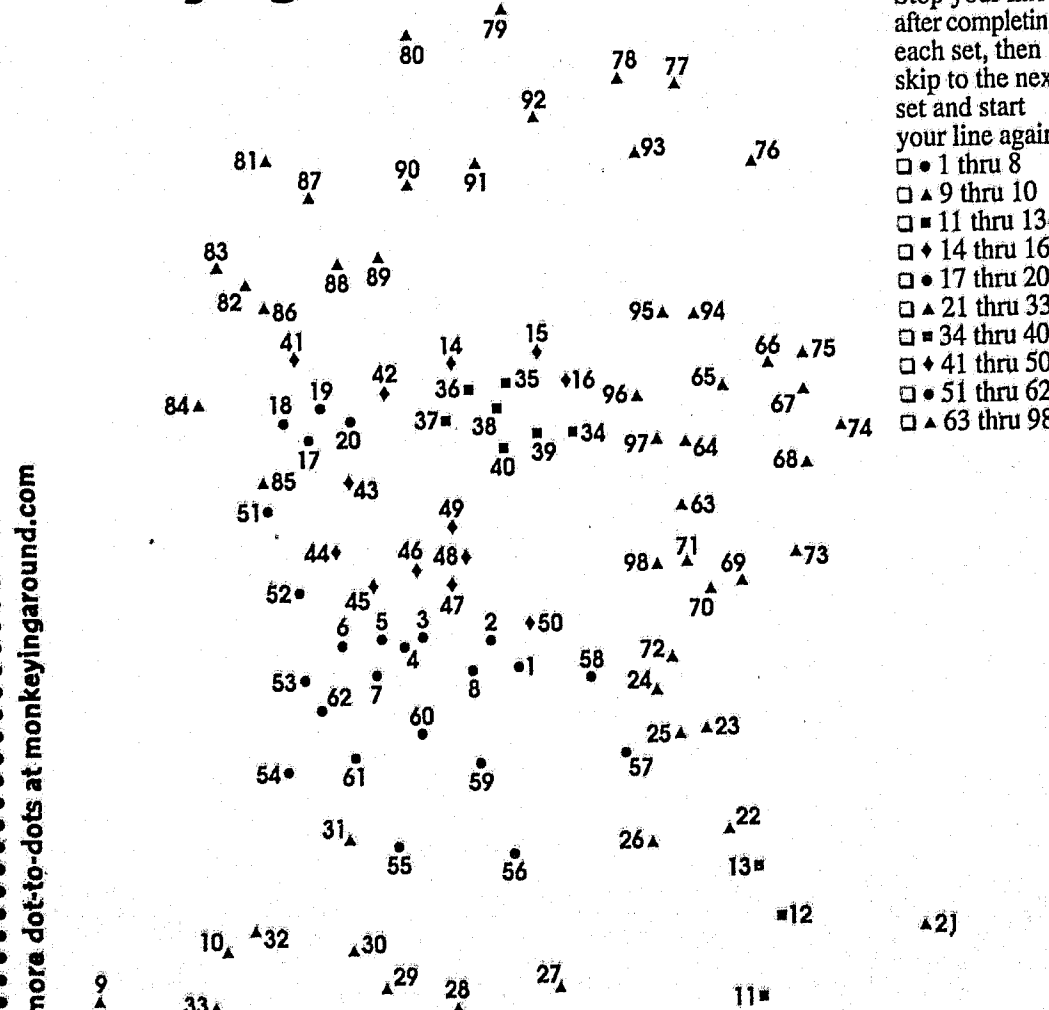
FINISH LINE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Thieves
5 Dress down
10 Accomplished
13 English explorer
18 French spa
20 Home on high
21 A mean Amin
22 "Pygmalion" role
23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
26 On the up and up
27 Director Sergio
28 Grazing ground
29 Overact
31 Have a mortgage
32 Become engaged?
34 EMT's skill
36 "La Boheme" girl
39 Depravity
42 Heavy metal instrument?
45 Mellow
47 Rajasthan rhythm
48 Coach Parseghian
49 Kayak commander
- 50 Part 2 of remark
54 Verbal explosion
56 Pittsburgh player
58 Skirt feature
60 Tangle
61 "May I Interrupt?"
62 Vision
65 Cookbook phrase
66 Impressive lobby
68 Catches cod
71 Runner Sebastian
72 Karras or Haley
73 Part 3 of remark
77 Suggestive
80 — Na Na
81 Beloved
82 Type of aircraft
85 Maestro de Vaart
86 Fusillade
88 Kharibou's river
90 Hopeless case
92 Jeaves or Passee-partout
94 Focused
97 Watchful city?
98 Part 4 of remark
- 101 Perfect
103 One of the Marches
104 Anesthetize
105 Fitting
106 Manuscript enc.
107 Goofy
108 Field event
111 — the fields we go to
113 Ballet movement
115 Overwhelm
116 Recruit personnel
118 Good times
121 Sari site
124 Rent
127 End of remark
131 Party present
132 Myriads of moons
133 "Midnight at the" (74 hit)
134 — Gay
135 Flight site
136 Room for relaxing
137 Marine leader?
138 Hardware item
- DOWN**
- 1 Sports official
2 Face shape
3 Ill temper
4 She knew how to get a head
5 Droop
6 Do overhead plastering
7 Sarah — Jewett
8 Pale purple
9 "— volente"
10 "Carpe —"
11 Turn of phrase
12 Bother
13 "Fantasia" frame
14 Fish-and-chips accompaniment
15 Chauvinist
16 Conductor Seiji
17 Yarn
19 Muse count
24 Snuggle up
25 "The Aeneid" author
30 Jacob's twin
33 Tint
35 "— Rider" (85 film)
37 Neighbor of Libya
38 Kite part
39 Places to dye
40 One of "The Three Sisters"
- 41 Jeweler's weight
43 41st or 43rd President
44 Be there
46 Gets by, with "out"
49 Impromptu
51 Author Jong
52 Patricia of "Hud"
53 Wild wind
55 Deck out
57 Edit a text
59 Duty
61 Menotti title character
63 Have thirds and fourths?
64 Cure
67 — Minor
69 Peg for Palmer
70 Footballer Lynn
72 Option
74 Marilene abbr.
75 Turning point
76 Actor Bruce
77 Part of IRS
78 Elliot's "— Bede"
79 Fountain order
83 Foe
84 Party hearty
86 Walk like a rooster
87 Recruit-to-be
- 89 Helen of Troy's mom
91 Wrath
93 Cubist
95 Warning
96 Tivoli's Villa d'—
97 Ancient tongue
99 Little devils
100 Bordered on
102 Kreskin's letters
107 Know-it-all
108 Vow
109 Throw forcefully
110 Resort lake
112 Bucolic
114 Memo start
115 — Romeo
117 Actress Sherilyn
119 "Yo!" at the library
120 Move a bit
122 "Blame — the Bossa Nova" (63 hit)
123 Bill of Rights grp.
125 Every guy is one
126 Cy Young stat
128 Debtor's letters
129 Govt. agency
130 Beaver or beret



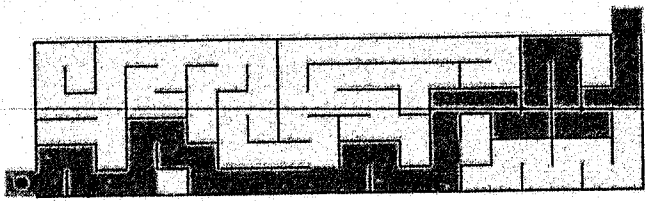
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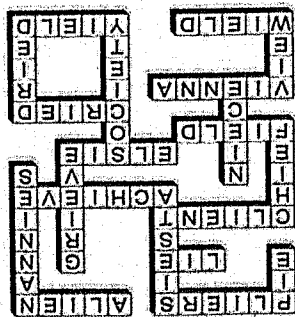


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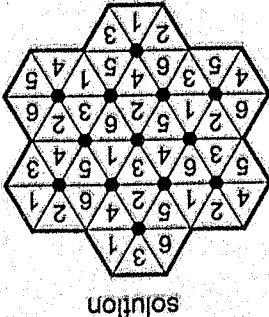
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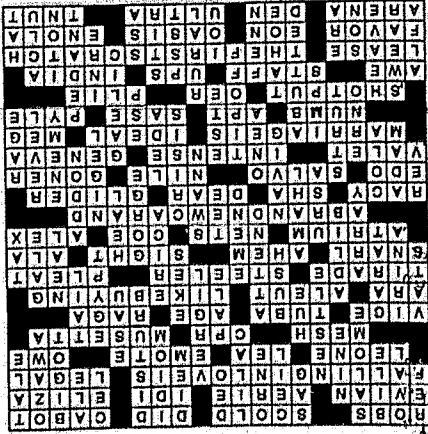
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Today's Word: Repairing

Scramblers: 1. Suppuss, 2. Nibble, 3. Grasp, 4. Digest.

ANSWERS:

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Community Calendar

Third Wednesday each month

Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women. FMI/appointment: 743-6993 Ext 6851. Insurances accepted and low-cost help available.

Sundays thru March 4

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Public Skating** at Hebron Academy Robinson Arena rink. Cost: \$3 Adults/\$2 age 12 and under. Parking available in Athletic Center lot off Route 119. FMI: 966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org

Wednesdays thru March 21

9 to 10 a.m. - **Stretch, Strength, and Balance** at Personal Best Health Club, 141 Western Avenue, South Paris. Cost: \$40/person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

Thursdays, Feb. 9, 16, March 1

4 to 9 p.m. - **Free Ski/Snowboarding Nights** at Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford. Sign in at base lodge on arrival. Free tubing selected nights. FMI: 864-3977 or visit www.SkiBlackMountain.org

Thru Feb. 15

Wooden snowshoe exhibit, Fare Share Gallery, Norway. Exhibit opens Friday, Feb. 3, 5 to 7 p.m.

Sundays in February

Free Skiing at Mt. Abram for Greenwood school-age residents on Sundays. Program includes lessons and equipment if needed. Sign up at the Greenwood Town Office. Sign-ups are limited and are on a first come, first served basis.

Thursday, Feb. 9

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library** (rescheduled from Jan. 12) presents Dr. Fred Jordan, with a somewhat whimsical look at forensic pathology over the years and discuss Maine medical examiners' system then and now, mass disaster planning, and story of Maine boy who moved West. Public invited. No charge. Light refreshments. Snow date Feb. 16.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **WMSC To Your Health** program presents Dr. Daniel E. van Buren, Cardiologist, Medical Director New England Heart Institute, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H., to speak on gCaring for Your Heart - Heart Disease, Prevention, Symptoms, Treatment Options and New Developments, at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Free. Public invited. FMI: Rosabelle Tiff (824-2053).

Bethel Masonic supper 6:15 p.m./meeting 7 p.m.
8:30 p.m. - **Project Graduation** planning meeting at Telstar Library. Volunteers needed to help plan and fund raise. All community members, businesses, parents, families, friends and underclassmen encouraged to attend. FMI: 824-2136.

Friday, Feb. 10

4 to 6:45 p.m. - **"Bath Salts in Maine,"** special presentation by Jonathan Richards of Maine Drug Enforcement Administration re spread of bath salts, a dangerous drug that has reached epidemic proportions in Maine. Interactive TV presentation available at center as part of UMA class, "The Chemically Dependent." FMI or if interested: 743-9322.

7:30 p.m. - **Hebron Academy** presents Jan Muller-Szeaws and internationally-renowned pianist Ya-Fei Chuang at Lepage Center for the Arts, 309 Paris Road, Hebron. Free and open to public. FMI: Liza Tarr 966-5266 or e-mail ltarr@hebronacademy.org or visit www.hebronacademy.org

Saturday, Feb 11

9 to 10:30 a.m. - **Flying Moose Classic XC Race 2012** check-in and Day of Race Registration (\$25 advance at NENSA or by mail, \$30 day of race, youth events \$5) Gould Academy Field House. Mass start Gould Academy's Pine Hill Competition Trails 7.5 km and 22 km timed races, sponsored by Bethel Outing Club. FMI: contact Jim Reuter, jim@smithreuter.com or call 824-4099.
Second Annual Mellie Dunham Shoe and String Festival, Norway. FMI: call Lee at Western Foothills Land Trust (739-2124).

Municipal

Bethel Selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

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AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group, Open Discussion Meeting, Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street, 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

2 p.m. - **Rick Charette Concert**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium to benefit Responsible Pet Care Animal Shelter of Oxford Hills. Tickets: all seats \$6/10 people or more \$5. Reserved seating available. Tickets available at door or Books N Things, Norway.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club Valentine Dance** at Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Door prizes and Pot O' Gold drawing. Admission: \$16/non dancers no charge. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050) or visit www.squaredanceme.us/

7 p.m. - **"Love Letters"** by A.R. Gurney, a play to benefit Andover Elementary School. Sharon Hutchins and Stephen Sessions play the characters. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students, on sale at The Red Hen Diner, Andover, the Town Office and Sharon Hutchins (392-4351) or dfund@megalink.net.

Saturdays, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14

Inside Yard Sales, South Paris American Legion Post 72. To reserve a table call Jean Britton at 739-2236.

Sunday, Feb. 12

1 p.m. - **Snow Shoe Race** at Bethel Nordic Center, Bethel Inn Resort (part of Western Foothills Land Trust race series). Cost: \$20 day of race/\$15 pre-registered (runreg.com). Rentals \$10 (call ahead to Lee Dasser 739-2124) and Bethel Nordic Center, True North Adventureware, Carter's XC Ski Centers, Sunday River Outdoor Center and Akers Ski rent snowshoes.

2 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Winter Outings** will visit Robin Gorrell and Ken Hotopp's passive solar house in Newry (still under construction). Meet land trust parking lot Bethel at 2 p.m. to carpool to house. FMI/increment weather change: 824-3806 or e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or visit www.mahoosuc.org for rescheduling.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Chocolate Festival** at Bethel Inn Conference Center. \$5 all you can eat. All proceeds benefit Project Graduation.

2 p.m. - **St Kieran Arts** presents Grand Derangement: the Acadian Sensation at Medallion Opera House, Gorham, N.H., Town Hall. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$6 students at door. Doors open 1 p.m. Seating limited. FMI: (603) 752-1028.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

1 to 3 p.m. - **Valentine Tea**, United Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel. Everyone welcome.

4 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society History Discussion Group** meets at Robinson House (10 Broad Street, Bethel). Participants urged to read essay on Andrew Jackson written by Richard Hofstadter, "The American Political Tradition and the Men who Made It." FMI: 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Breast Feeding Class** at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. \$10 per couple with pre-registration/payment required. FMI/register: 743-1562 Ext. 6951.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden Winter Lecture Series** presents Edith Ellis of Sunnyside Gardens, Turner, to talk and present slides on the bones of an English garden. FMI: www.mclaughlingarden.org

6:30 p.m. - **Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center**, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, Author Lecture Series presentation by David Brooks, discussing his book, "The Social Animal" Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 seniors and students. FMI: www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or call Box Office (935-9232).

Thursday, Feb. 16

4 to 10 p.m. - **Benefit for Family of Kyraa Locke**, for financial hardship before and after Kyraa's death, American Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5 donation at door. Special guests. Chinese Auction tickets \$1 each or six for \$5. FMI: Mel Merrill (890-3634 or Cathy and Todd Noyes (515-0256).

6 to 8 p.m. - **The Eddy's Admissions Open House**, Newry Corner. All welcome.

7:30 p.m. - **Leonardo Live**, delivered HD presentation of once-in-a-lifetime exhibition "Leonardo da Vinci: Painter at the Court of Milan," captured at U.K. National Gallery, shows at Leura Hill

Eastman Performing Arts Center, 28 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$18 adults/\$15 seniors/\$10 students. Group rates available. FMI: www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or call Box Office (935-9232) or visit <http://leonardolivehd.com/>.

Saturday, Feb. 18

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Bake Sale** in support of Andover Congregational Church at the church. Breads, pies, bars, desserts, baked beans. FMI: Sharon Hutchins 392-4351.

5 to 8 p.m. - **Pizza Party** planned by Upton Ladies Association. 7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Ventriloquist Donna Marie and friends at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

7:30 p.m. - **Carbon Leaf** performance at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$25 seniors (65+)/\$10 students may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232). Parking free.

Feb. 18, March 17, April 21

Bake Sale for Albany Congregational Church Scholarship Fund will be held at Bethel Foodliner.

Sunday, Feb. 19

12 to 5 p.m. - **Benefit Country Sunday** at Silver Spur, Route 11/121, Mechanic Falls. Admission: \$6. BYOB, door prize. Bring dancing shoes. FMI: Lorri Jo at 966-2771.

Feb. 19 thru 24

Maine Military Adventure Camps for teens of military families at UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Center, Bryant Pond. FMI: (207) 665-2068 04 e-mail extension.bryantpond@maine.edu.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents AudioBody, the fusion of physical comedy and technology by Matt and Jason Tardy, at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

Monday, Feb. 22

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Maine Uniform Building Codes, Energy Code and Radon Code** contractor question/answer meetings with Town Code Enforcement Officer. Monday, Feb. 6, Woodstock Town Office and Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Norway Town Office. All residents encouraged to attend. FMI: e-mail cejoelle@hotmail.com

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25

Preparing for Birth class, Friday 6 to 8:30 p.m./Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Harper Conference Room, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Fee: \$35 (usually covered by insurance). FMI/Register 743-1562 Ext. 6951 send payment as well.

Bethel WinterFest, enjoy snow mountain for sledding, snowshoeing, snow groom rides, 3rd Annual Rail Jam at Mt. Abram Ski Resort, and much more. FMI visit www.bethelwinterfest.com

Saturday, Feb. 25

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Rainforest Reptile Show, Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Michael Miclon - Comedy on Purpose at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Skiway. Cost: Adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 door/ 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door/ ages 5 and under free.

Wednesday, Feb. 29

4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden Winter Lecture Series** presents Tom York of York's Hardy Rhododendrons, Bath, to discuss rhododendrons and azaleas hardy for cold Maine gardens. FMI: www.mclaughlingarden.org

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.— TOPS at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Lisa Fox.

FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.—Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons Room of the Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 886-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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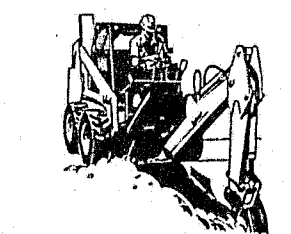
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Recent area real estate transactions

ANDOVER

Joel Putnam to Carey & Assoc. of Rumford, two lots on Wyman Hill Road, Map 14, Lot 7 and Map 14 Lot 10A. \$4,906 and \$3,165, respectively, Nov. 10, 2011.

Patricia E. Pease to Steven A. Bryant of Kennebunkport, property on Learned Road, Map 14, Lot 25-0. \$4,167, Sept. 23, 2011.

Matthew J. Combs to Steven A. Bryant of Kennebunkport, property on Learned Road, Map 14 Lot 25-0. \$2,083, Sept. 23, 2011.

Clayton Combs to Steven A. Bryant of Kennebunkport, property on Learned Road, Map 14 Lot 25-0. \$10,417, Sept. 2, 2011.

Bridget E. Reed to Steven A. Bryant of Kennebunkport, property on Learned Road, Map 14 Lot 25-0. \$2,083, Sept. 23, 2011.

Meg Z. Lyskawa to Steven A. Bryant of Kennebunkport, property on Learned Road, Map 14 Lot 25-0. \$2,083, Sept. 30, 2011.

BETHEL

Carlton and Gloria Tyler to Kristin Gibson of Bethel, land and building at 400 East Bethel Road, \$125,000, Oct. 27, 2011.

Blue Sky Storage, Inc. to Randall Kissel and Megan Ballard of Greenwood, "other" commercial, Map 8, Lot 23, Sub-lot 1, \$45,000, Nov. 3, 2011.

Susan Harvey to Peter Hedden and Tracey Wilkerson of Bethel, land and building, 402 Flat Road, \$285,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Norway Savings Bank to Philip Mark Dougherty of Bethel, "206," 1880 Intervale Road, \$50,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Farwell Mountain Estates to Rose Millard and Elizabeth Lacey of Marlborough, Mass., land, Lot 9, Farwell Mountain Estates, \$40,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Albert Jr. and Theresa Blackadar to Andrew Mountford and Elizabeth Bosworth of Medford, Mass., unspecified, 10 Oak Drive, \$190,000, Nov. 9, 2011.

Stephanie Capps and Melissa Hawkins to Mark and Sara Oliver of Yarmouth, land, 12.7 acres on Lyman Wheeler Road, \$65,000, Nov. 10, 2011.

Mark Ivanov and Maria D. Vicens Ivanov to Nikolas and Laura Gregory of Andover, unspecified at 203 Walkers Mills Road, \$260,000, Nov. 11, 2011.

Spencer Ordway and Jennifer Landry to Benjamin J. and Kristin B. Otten of Bethel, land and building at 98 Paradise Road, \$230,000, Nov. 18, 2011.

William and Maureen Boland to Robert Currier of Bethel, land, Lots 11 and 13, Sunday Valley Acres, \$66,000, Nov. 23, 2011.

Sally V. Bradley and Martha M. Farrington to Chad Fouke and Lesley Harte of Narragansett, R.I., land and building, 382 West Bethel Road, \$105,000, Nov. 23, 2011.

GREENWOOD

Core Value, LLC to Mary McFadden and Lawrence Stiffler of Brookline, Mass., land, Map R 5, Lot 2; Map R9, Lot 3; Map r2, Lot 1, \$895,000, Oct. 31, 2011.

David Teagan to Garry L. and Lynne E. Billings of Milton Plantation, land, 2.2 acres, 180 Howe Hill Road, \$17,000, Nov. 29, 2011.

NEWRY

Tina L. and Forrest C. Spears Jr. to The Taquonck Spears 2003 Irrevocable Trust, Boston, Mass., building and property at 37 Riverwood Drive. \$45,000, June 20, 2008.

Samuel P. and Katherine N. Donegan to Michael J. and Christine Liberti of Newry, land and building at 44 Douglas Road and Lot 2E. \$560,000, Oct. 21, 2011.

Robert A. Currier to Martin and Jennifer Monaghan of Danbury, Mass., property at 22 Starwood Drive. \$432,500, Oct. 31, 2011.

Joseph J. and Betty L. Bock to Todd A. and Michelle R. Johnston of Sagamore Beach, Mass., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$10,000, Oct. 31, 2011.

Estate of Linda Kokemuller to Noah and Judith Lipman of Holmdel, N.J., condominium at Map A-1 Lot 252C. \$8,500, Oct. 31, 2011.

John J. and Drusilla S. Slattery to Ian C. Kirschmann of Blue Bell, Pa., Lot 21 Peaks Subdivision. \$165,000, Oct. 28, 2011.

David L. and Mary Pat Hager to Ronald R. Costa Jr. and Robert F. Dias of New Bedford, Mass., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$6,800, Nov. 14, 2011.

Frederic O. Wight to William and Gail Brooke of Whitefield, Me., property at Map R-7 Lot 17C on Bear River Road. \$10,200, Nov. 15, 2011.

George and Pamela Knox to Joseph and Stacey Sheehan of Newburyport, Mass., land on Pinnacle Drive. \$145,000, Nov. 23, 2011.

WOODSTOCK

Gilman and Elizabeth Whitman to Gerald and Jesse Macauley of Reading, Mass., land, 66 acres off Old County Road, \$12,352, Nov. 7, 2011.

Town of Woodstock to Integrity Holdings of Bryant Pond, government transfer, 8 Railroad Street, \$28,501, Nov. 7, 2011.

Brad K. Kowalski and John C. Weber to Peter and Carrie Nicholson of Plymouth, Mass., land, 1.2 acre, 14 Mountain View Road, \$30,000, Nov. 14, 2011.

Cynthia and Phyllis Winfield to Warren Hillquest of Brattleboro, Vt., unspecified, Billings Hill Road, \$58,000, Nov. 8, 2011.

Richard and Linda Chapman to Silvia Stacey of Berkley, Mass., land and building, 83 Rocky Road, \$200,000, Nov. 17, 2011.

About the listings:

The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing dates.

Passivhaus



WARM HEART, THICK SKIN—Contractor Jesper Kruse in the Passivhaus utility room, which will house the ventilation system (which circulates air through the white ducting), the solar thermal system (hot water powered by the sun), plus the usual electrical panel. The triple-pane windows (right) are set in walls up to 18 inches thick and filled with insulation. To see an animation on the Passivhaus system, go to <http://www.zehnderamerica.com>: videos, heat recovery and ducting systems. (Photos: M. Daniels)

TERRY KARKOS, Sun Media Wire

NEWRY—To all outward appearances, a two-story cape being built off Sunday River Road is a conventional house with many south-facing windows.

It's the future home of Ken Hotopp, a conservation biologist, and his wife Robin Gorrell, a veterinarian at the Bethel Animal Hospital.

Closer examination reveals thick doors and triple-pane windows that Hotopp said were made in and shipped from Lithuania.

Inside, the Passivhaus solar home is being buttoned up tight by Danish native Jesper Kruse of Greenwood and his Maine Passive House crew.

So tight and super insulated that when finished, the "green" energy-efficient house will use less than a third of a cord of wood for heat annually, Kruse said standing in the front entryway last week.

"If you want to be green, for me, it really starts with the energy," he said.

"If you want to reduce your carbon footprint, it's got to really come down to how much oil are you burning? How much electricity are you using?" Kruse said. "I mean, you can buy a bamboo floor, but it's not going to increase your comfort."

Hotopp said the house "is an evolution in building."

"Virtually all the techniques you see here, you can find in other houses in the area," he said.

"Some of them are 10 years old; some of them are 20 years old. There's nothing here that's really rocket science, I mean there's no new materials or something that isn't fairly straightforward," Hotopp said. "It's putting it all together in a well-designed way that gives you really high energy savings."

That's why it's called a Passivhaus building and is only the third such in Maine, Kruse said.

Passivhaus is the German energy standard for such structures. That means they are certified to meet stringent standards, like the amount of energy used to heat the building, the amount of energy used overall by the house and its air tightness, he said.

"With this, you know that your house is going to be built to a certain standard and you'll know exactly how much energy you'll use for heating, cooling and overall, which is about 85 to 90 percent savings over a traditionally built house," Kruse said.

And that means being very meticulous while building it, including taping all seams and joints, Gorrell said.

"Jesper does wonderful work at Maine Passive House," she said.

"They really are meticulous. Every detail they make sure is correct, because if they don't get something right now, then the house won't function right. It's got to be airtight and sealed in."

That's why there are wireless temperature and humidity sensors in the walls and rooms to ensure energy efficiency by checking the data with a computer throughout construction and when completed.

Additionally, on Monday, Kruse said an infrared camera and blower door will be used to ensure there are no air leaks prior to Sheetrock installation.

A blower door is a powerful fan that is placed in an exterior door frame. It sucks air out of the house, lowering the air pressure inside, while allowing higher outside air pressure to seep in through any unsealed openings.

Kruse said the building has an inside wall and an outside one that are much thicker than conventional house walls. They're 15 inches thick. The attic will also have 3 feet of insulation.

"Basically, the whole house is a continual envelope of insulation," Hotopp said. "The outside wall rests on a poured foundation; the inside wall is on this slab, but the space between them has 14 inches of foam."

"Part of the idea of it being passive, is it means it will just sit here and work without any power," he said. "Basically, the moving parts are the air exchange system and even that's fairly simple."

The house was designed by Ben Southworth, owner of Garland Mill Timberframes in Lancaster, N.H.

"It's been fun to watch it go from a two-dimensional plan to a 3-D house," Gorrell said.

Ninety percent of the building's heat will come from the sun. A mix of small, wall-mounted electric heaters and a small wood stove will provide the other 10 percent.

"I like to think of it as a nuclear-powered house, because it relies on the giant fusion reactor in the sky," Hotopp said.

He estimated the passive-solar construction adds 10 to 15 percent to the cost of the building the home.



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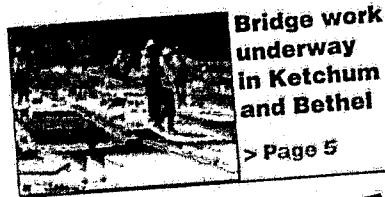
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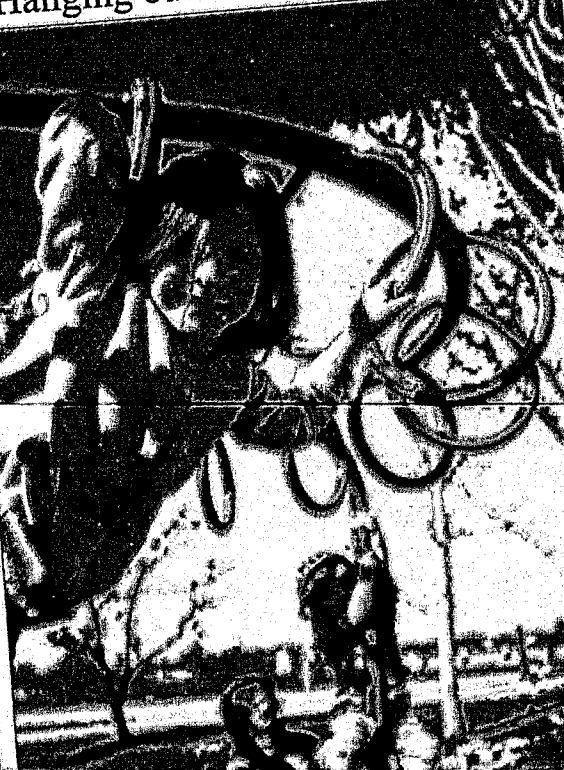
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Hanging out in the park with Grammy



School Board to look yet again at AES

PAUL JONAS/STAFF
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Obituaries



RICHARD LaMONTAGNE

Richard A. Lamontagne, 50, of Columbia, N.H., formerly of Bethel, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, following a long, courageous battle of cancer with a brain tumor for the past 16 years with his loving family by his side.

Richard was born in Rumford, Maine on May 7, 1961, the son of the late Simeon (Sam) Lamontagne of Lac Megantic, Canada, and of Bethel.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Alicia Lamontagne of 17 years, and his lov-

ing children, daughter, Alex, is Rose and a son, Bryson of Columbia, N.H.; his loving mother Rose Lamontagne of Lac Megantic, Canada and her companion Aime; his siblings, sisters Ginette Gates of Pittsfield and husband Tom; Pierette Bernatchez of Auburn and her husband Richard; Sylvie Murphy of Bryant Pond and husband Billy; and a brother Mark Lamontagne of Lac Megantic, Canada and his wife France. He had several nephews and nieces of New Hampshire, Maine and Canada.

Prior to moving to New Hampshire he attended Telstar Regional High School in Bethel. Upon leaving high school he worked at Sunday River Skiway and raced at Oxford Plains Speedway. Then, he decided to move to Colebrook, N.H., where he got a job working for Ethan Allen, Inc. in Beecher Falls, Vt. He worked there for several years until he was diagnosed with his brain tumor. So, he had to get done so that he could take his treatments that made him very sick.

While working at Ethan Allen he decided to get a team and sponsors so that he could

race at Groveton Speedway. He raced there for several years and had lots of fans that would come every week to cheer him on. Family and friends also went to support him. He did so good on the track that they gave him a nickname while racing. They called him Low Rider Lamontagne. He liked the inside lane so he'd wait for an opening and get to the front of the pack. He won several track championships and races.

He also loved the outdoors. He loved to snowmobile, hunt, race and fish. He enjoyed going Jeeping on a lot of back roads.

He was an outgoing person who enjoyed being social and knew how to have a good time.

He did his own mechanics on his vehicles and those of many others. He had a great knowledge on how to fix them. Until all those electronics started coming out in the vehicles. Before the Jeep weekend his friends would bring their Jeeps over so that he could tune them up ready to go.

He was always ready to give a helping hand to anyone. He would never ask for any help until the last few months where he didn't have the strength to do it himself anymore.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 7 at the Jenkins Funeral Home, 156 Main Street, Colebrook, N.H.



NELSON OWEN SMITH

Nelson Owen Smith, 68, of Gilead, died on Friday, Feb. 3, 2012.

Nelson was born on Dec. 18, 1943 in Lewiston to Jason G. and Phyllis (Taylor) Smith. He grew up in Bethel and attended Bethel schools. He was athletic and competed as a ski jumper in the Junior National Ski Competition in Ishping, Mich., while in high school. Nelson also had success as an amateur boxer as a young man.

He enjoyed hunting, spending time with his family, having morning coffee and a laugh with his friends.

Nelson was a U.S. Navy Veteran, serving on the aircraft carrier, USS Lake Champlain, from 1961-1963. He married the former Betty Tyler of Gilead in July 1963. Nelson worked at Gorham Sand and Gravel in Gorham, N.H., and ran the T-bar and chair lifts at Mt. Abram before working for Arthur Head logging. In the early 1980s, Nelson began Nelson O. Smith Bulldozing and Logging which he owned and operated until the time of his death. He worked as a Certified Logging Professional throughout the local area. Nelson's landscaping work was well respected by those in the community. He took pride in his ability to satisfy his clients.

Nelson is survived by his mother, Phyllis T. Smith of Bethel; his daughter, Stephanie A. and Troy Smith and their son, Jason F. of Rutland, Mass.; his son, Shawn J. Smith and Kelley and their children, Ericson T., Marshall J., Jackson D., Zachary W. Smith, Alexandria and Gaige, all of Lisbon, N.H. Nelson is also survived by his sister, Phyllis E. Cross of Bethel; brother Gerald J. Smith of Paris, and brother Larry G.

Smith of Bethel; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. His former wife, Betty Smith, of Bethel, who he remained close to and was a caregiver to him recently.

Nelson would have wanted to give special thanks to his niece, Elaine S. (Lainey) Cross, who provided her uncle with hours of care, love, support and laughter in his time of need. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandler-funerals.com

Visiting hours will be held on Monday, Feb. 20, at the Bethel Alliance Church, Walker's Mills Road (Route 26) Bethel, from 1 to 3 p.m. followed by an informal memorial at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Nelson Smith Scholarship Fund at any Key Bank location. The local branch being at 96 Main Street, Bethel, Maine 04217. The scholarship will be given to a Telstar High School senior intending to gain further education in the forestry/logging or heavy equipment field.



AMANDA PURINGTON

Amanda M. Purington, 33 of West Paris went to be with her Lord after a strong fight with cancer on Feb. 3, 2012 with her loving family and friends by her side.

She was born Oct. 2, 1978 in Otisfield, and lived all her life in the Oxford Hills Area.

She attended Oxford Hills High School, and kept in close contact with many of her friends throughout the years.

Amanda was a loving and devoted Mother and was an amazing daughter and sister.

She is survived by her children Brandon R. Johnston and Patricia J. Johnston; her parents Gregory P. Purington of Harrison and Doris S. Purington of Winthrop, Mass.; sisters, Erin L. Purington of Biddeford, and Heather E. Cunningham of Winthrop, Mass.; her partner Alan Heath of West Paris; her grandmothers, June Bishop of Otisfield, and Esther Cooper of Matamoras, Penn.

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Remembering Raymond Chapman

On His Birthday February 11th

"We thought of you today"

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name;
Now all we have is memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we will never part;
God has you in his keep,
We have you in our heart.

- Author Unknown

Thinking of & Missing You,
Happy Birthday,
We Love You
The Chapman Family

In Loving Memory Of

Raymond A. Chapman

Feb. 11, 1928 to Oct. 30, 2011

Goodbye my friend
I shall see you again someday
in heaven where the stars stay
I will be there one day.

The world isn't the same
Since the day the Angel's came
to take you away.

We spent a lot of time together over
the years doing everything from hunting
to burning wire, and only God knows
how many trips we made to Perry's
Scrap Yard together.

You changed who I am today
a debt I could never repay.
It is time to wipe the tears away.
But I want you to know,
I will never let you go.

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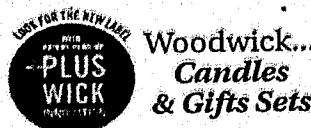
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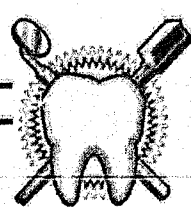
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